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Speeding motorists clocked in crackdown

DOZENS of drivers will be warned after being found speeding at up to double the legal limit on roads near to a school.

Campaigners have formed their own community speed watch group after growing concerns of accidents, in-

concerns of accidents, including one last weekend.
Police have joined together to help with the first
event in a series of speed
clampdowns in Wordsley.

Concerns

Residents and parents have voiced concerns over motorists speeding past Ashwood Park Primary School.

The new speed watch

The new speed watch group is working alongside police community support officers during monthly monitoring sessions.

More than 40 drivers were found to be speeding by volunteers and police using speed guns on Rangeways Road, Lawnswood Road, Balmoral Road, Bells Lane and New Road.

During the checks vol-

and New Road.

During the checks volunteers were shocked to find one of the drivers had clocked 47 mph in a 30 mph zone near the school, off Balmoral Road.

The strictics are going.

The statistics are going to be presented to Dudley Council bosses to highlight the problem and press for action.

New plots for gardeners

MAYOR of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston is opening new allotments in Netherton today after

in Netherton today after a community group raised £25,000 to convert the site of a disused garage. Netherton's Darby End Tenants and Residents Association saw the oppor-tunity to convert land in Darby End Road into allot-ments.

The site had been over-

grown for over 30 years.

The renovation has cost £25,000, paid for by cash raised by the association.

JGE BOOST RTRAI

A MULTI-MILLION pound grant from the Government to support work at education centres in the borough has been hailed as a 'tremendous boost'.

A total of £8 million will be given to Dudley College to fund its Centre for Advanced Build-

the town centre.

The centre, also known as CABTech, will cost a total of

Building work should

Building work should start next year and bosses have targeted the opening for spring 2017. The college predicts 3,250 people will be trained through teaching and work-shops at the centre within the first five years of open-ing.

Business

The Government will also give £1m to Halesowen College toward a new £3m Advanced Science, Engineering and Technology Skills Centre at Coombs Wood Business Park, Halesowen.

The centre will provide 250 higher-level apprenticeships in information technics.

250 ingner-level apprenticeships in information technology, laboratory work, electrical engineering, business and accounts. The courses will be designed to meet the demands of employers

Dudley Councillor Judy Dudley Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The announcement is a tremendous boost to regeneration plans across the Black Country and we are really excited about what it will mean for us here in Dudley. "We are delighted that it will bring new investment to our further education infrastructure — improving

ing Technologies and Construction. The centre will provide the final piece in the college's Learning Quarter in

Report by Alex Ross

provision for young people whilst marking out our borough as a great place for investment, making Dudley a place where businesses know they will be able to access the skills they need."

Dudley College Principal Lowell Williams said: "We are thrilled that the Government has recognised the role that Dudley College can play in the regeneration of the Black Country.
"Over the last three years, we have invested heavily in Dudley's town centre. This funding will bring our total investment to £50m."
"CABTech will enable us to bring training opportunities in advanced building and construction skills to the region that will support

and construction skills to the region that will support the recovery of the construc-

the recovery of the construc-tion industry and its supply chain."
Halesowen College Prin-cipal Keith Bate said: "The college is a very strong pro-vider of education for 16 to 19-year-old and we are building on that with higher level programmes."

level programmes."

He added: "We want to offer courses which match

what employers in the local area want."

The announcement of the investment came as Prime Minister David Cameron visited Halesowen College

PM says students are key to bright future



Prime Minister David Cameron with engineering students Michael Pearson and Daniel Crowe at the college

PRIME Minister David Cameron announced a huge investment in the Black Country whilst visiting Hale-sowen College on Monday.

He vowed it would mark the dawn of a new era for the Black Country while touring Halesowen College, which is set to benefit from the cash boost.

A total of £3 million will be invested in a 1,300 sq m Advanced Science, En-gineering and Technology Skills Cen-tre at Coombs Wood Business Park,

part of Halesowen College.

This is intended to provide 250 higher level apprenticeships in IT, laboratory technician, electrical engi-

neering and business/accounts skills to meet the needs of employers.

The needs of employers.

The new centre will work with a range of leading companies including Exova, Eurofins Scientific and Halesowen-based Sterling Power Group who will provide the practical training

Growth

During the visit Mr Cameron said: "We are seeing re-industrialisation in Great Britain. I will never forget visiting the Jaguar Land Rover engine plant in Wolverhampton but this is also a statement that we are going to

have small and medium enterprises in the whole supply chain, manufacturing components and parts.

Mr Cameron met with students and explained that young people were a 'key part' of the Growth Deals.

"Halesowen College is getting £3m as part of the local growth deal and that will mean more apprentices," he said. "Young people are a key part of local growth deals.

"I don't want an economy where London is booming and the rest of the country is behind. This is the end of Whitehall Knows Best and young people should be a part of it," he added.

Hospital in probe over A&E targets

HOSPITAL bosses in Dudley have insisted there is no issue with patient safety after it emerged that the trust that runs Russells Hall Hospital would be investigated over A&E target times.

NHS watchdog Monitor has announced it will investigate the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust for consistently failing 'A&E targets and the 'deterioration' of its finances.

The organisation says that the trust has not met the national target of see-

the national target of seeing 95 per cent of patients within four hours at A&E in four of the last five financial

quarters.

Dudley Group chief executive Paula Clark said that the trust had met its A&E waiting time targets in the past three weeks.

She added: "We share their concerns around our

deteriorating financial per-formance and the difficul-ties we have faced to meet

ties we have faced to meet the national accident and emergency target.

"However, we would like to reassure patients that Monitor's concerns are around performance targets and finerial position.

around performance targets and financial position— they are not about patient safety."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "The Govern-ment needs to get a grip and give hospitals the resources they need."

Motorcyclist badly injured

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital with seri-ous injuries after a collision involving a car in Wordsley.

The man, believed to be aged in his 20s, suffered head, pelvis and leg injuries and was taken to the major trauma centre at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birwingher mingham

Emergency services were called to New Street at 7.20pm on Saturday.

The driver of the car in-olved in the accident escaped injury.



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Three schools marked for expansion Body of

THREE schools could be expanded to admit almost 400 extra pupils as a governing education authority struggles against a growing demand for spaces.

Dudley Council has already created an additional 145 reception class spaces at nine of its schools ahead of the beginning of academic year in September.

further proposals for 210 extra places at Sledmere Primary School in Dudley, 105 for Gig Mill Primary in Stourbridge and 70 for Kate's Hill Primary School for September 2015

Surge

Council officers are also considear in September.

But the council has now unveiled ering providing extra spaces at Hob Green Primary School in Stour-

According to forecasts, they are predicting the council will have to provide an additional 1,000 spaces.

The proposal for additional spaces at the three schools will be decided

bridge, Howley Grange Primary School in Halesowen and Netherton Primary School for next year.

The plans come as officers predict a surge in demand for primary school places over the next three years.

According to foregate they are more spaces at least schools for chilby Councillor I im Crumpton, calon-net member for children's services. He said: "We have got a few areas in the borough where birth rate has been increasing which means we now have to consider providing more spaces at local schools for children coming through.

"It's not a major problem, there are other areas in the country which

Desperate thief used car as a battering ram

chine proved an ordeal for bungling thief Wesley Bristow.

The 25-year-old from Oldswinford and another man struck at the Asda supermarket in Pearson Street, Brierley Hill, around 5.45am on February 23. The whole episode was recorded by CCTV cameras.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that those watchourt heard that those watching the film saw the culprits

both wearing hoods in a
bid to hide their identity

batter the machine out of
the ground but they cannot
completely uproot the device
because it is tethered by an
underground cable. They revert to Plan B.

The accomplice struggles

The accomplice struggles to get the machine upright and holds it in position while Bristow leaps behind the wheel to turn the Peugeot car into a battering ram. He smashes into the

ram. He smasnes into the ticket dispenser, tearing it from its base but also ripping bodywork from the car.
Finally they manage to force it into the car and Britanian and the car and Britanian and the car and significant results of the car and significant results are small results.

stow accelerates away with sparks flying from under-neath the car, scraping the ground due to the weight. A mile away father-of-four

A mile away rather-on-tour Bristow lost control and crashed into a wall in Bull Street. Prosecutor Mr Kevin Jones said: "The machine that contained up to £1,000 was recovered"

More than £5.000 damage

More than £5,000 damage was caused to the car park. Mr Devon Small, defending, said: "The car he was driving belonged to one of the two men who had threatened violence if he did not steal the ticket machine to repay a drug debt he owed to them."

Bristow of Church Road

Bristow, of Church Road,

Bristow, of church Robac who had several previous convictions, admitted theft, criminal damage and dan-gerous driving along with the breach of a suspended sentence given for drug dealing. He was jailed two

was recovered.

Plea for an extension over election

THE Home Office is being THE Home Office is being urged to extend a 35 working-day limit on the time before an election can be held to replace West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones.

Mr Jones died suddenly last week aged 59 and is the first of the new wave of police commissioners to pass away while in office.

His death has triggered a rule that a by-election must take place within 35 days.

The Home Office says this

The Home Office says this should be interpreted as 35 working days.

Members of the West Midlands Police and Crime

Midlands Police and Crime Panel are pleading for more time, saying it will be 'im-possible' for parties to find candidates and for authori-ties to organise the election in such a short space of

They are also concerned They are also concerned about the election being during the summer school holidays, when many voters might be away on family holiday.

In the meantime, a meeting of the panel will take place on Monday to appoint an interim commissioner, expected to be Yvonne Mosquito, currently the Deputy

quito, currently the Deputy Police and Crime Commis-

Joyce's joy at garden oasis



Joyce Williams is opening her garden in Prestwood as part of the National Garden Scheme

COMPLETE with a Japanese area and its own mini woodland walk, Joyce Williams' garden is a full time labour of love.

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Now the Stourbridge grandmother is preparing to throw open her beloved oasis to members of the public as part of a national initiative which raises money for charity.

She will be opening up the garden to the public on July 19 and 20 as part of the National Garden Scheme. Her garden features different 'rooms' which themes such as Japanese and woodland walk.

Mrs Williams, from Prestwood, said:

Mrs Williams' garden, at Westacre, Wolverhampton Road, will be open between 11am and 4pm on both days. Car parking is available, with coffee, tea, homemade cakes and a plant sale. Entry is £4 and all money raised goes to charity. For more information see the www.ngs.org.uk website.

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pensioner was found in garage

THE body of murdered pensioner Cynthia Beamond was found in the garage at her home in Howley Grange, Halesowen, an in-

Grange, Halesowen, an inquest has heard. The 80-year-old's body was discovered on June 29, two days after she was reported missing. A post-mortem concluded voluntary charity worker Mrs Beamond, of Juliet Road, died from head injuries. Two people have appeared in court charged with her murder. Coroner's investigator Bonita Poole said the widow was reported missing by her

was reported missing by her family after they could not get hold of her on the phone

The inquest at Smethwick Council House was adjourned for police to continue their investigations.

Leo Barnes, 32, of Runcorn Road, Balsall Heath, and Chantelle Mo-ran-Stokes, 24, from the same address in Birming-ham, appeared before Dud-ley Magistrates Court on ley Magistrates Court on Thursday. Barnes is also accused of a second murder at an address in London. Moran-Stokes also appeared at Wolverhampton Crown

Court on Friday, although Barnes did not.
Judge John Warner adjourned the case for a plea and case management hear-ing on October 10.

Dog show at beauty spot

PREPARATIONS are under way for the annual dog show at a Sedgley beauty

show at a Sedgley beauty spot.

The show is being held at Baggeridge Country Park on Saturday.

There is the chance for people to enter theirpets into dog obedience sessions during the day.

There are lots of classes with rosettes awarded for first, second and third places and a prize for each class winner. Entry is £2 per class and there is also a dog's obstacle course. It is being organised in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Dogs for Deaf People

Strawberry party

TOMORROW a women's gym will be holding a straw-

gym will be holding a straw-berry tea party in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Refreshments will be available for a donation at Friday's event at Energie Fitness for Women Dudley from 10.15am to 1.30pm at its base in Old Park Road.

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pledge is extended

A CAMPAIGN to increase

A CAMPAIGN to increase the number of volunteering opportunities for young people is to continue for the rest of the year.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (DCVS) and Dudley Council ran a month-long campaign, called Youth Pledge 100, during June. which was also Volunteers Month. The aim was to persuade organisawas to persuade organisations to commit to providing

volunteering opportunities.

The two organisations launched the campaign as a response to the low number of volunteering opportunities that exist locally for 15 to 25-year olds

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In June eight organisations pledged to provide a volunteering placement. Now organisers hope that up to 100 organisations will be encouraged to make the

be encouraged to make the pledge.
Eileen Fielding, development officer at Dudley CVS, said: "There is a desperate need in the region for opportunities for young people to try out and learn new skills."

skills."
Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston, the council's volunteering champion, added: "We're grateful to the organisations that have signed up to the pledge and we are hoping that many more do so."

MP is given a brewery tour

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson visited a rural brewery to hear about its plans for growth.

Enville Brewery, which recently celebrated its 21st birthday, is investing in a new fermenting vessel with a capacity of 3,500 litres.

It will also launch a bot-tled version of its famed En-ville Ale in September after a trial run sold out. The a trial run sold out. The brewery sells its beer to 150 outlets.

"The Enville Ale was recently stocked by the House of Commons Bar and I know was enjoyed tremendously," said Mr Williamson.

History talks

A LOCAL history day giving tips to people researching their family tree will take place on Saturday.

place on Saturday.

There will be talks from guest speakers and ancestry research advice at Dudley Archives centre in Tipton Road, from 10am until 4pm.

Voluntary work place Glimpse of park's proposed visitor centre with place work place This artist's impression gives a glimpse the 18th century hall and its 300-acre park of the plans alongside a children's play the plans alongside a children's play the projection of the plans alongside a children's play the plans along the p



An artist's impression of the £2.5m visitor centre

THIS artist's impression gives a glimpse to what will greet thousands of visitors arriving for the day at picturesque parkland that is bidding to become a major tourist attraction.

Proposals for a new £2.5 million

centre to be built in the grounds of Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, have been revealed. Lord Cobham, who owns the hall and surrounding Hagley Park, hopes to reopen the park which had been closed for more than three decades. He aims to use income from up to 100,000 visitors a year to pay

the 18th century hall and its 300-acre park including the landmark Wychbury Obelisk. The centre would be built on fields off the

A456, opposite the Badgers Sett pub, under proposals with a new link roadway being constructed off the dual carriageway.

It will incorporate education and history

exhibitions showcasing Hagley Hall and park through the ages and include study areas for visiting school children.

There will also be a restaurant, gift shop and outdoor seating area for visitors to gaze over the rolling hills of the parkland.

of the plans alongside a children's play area. There are also outline plans to create a car park for up to 180 vehicles including

coacnes.

Lord Cobham said he hoped the visitor numbers could put the venue on par with the Black Country Living Museum and Severn Valley Railways as a major West Midlands attraction. "It would be a huge attraction for this part of the world," he said. "It's your important to being health 15th 15th. "It's very important to bring back the 18th

century park for the public."

The plans will be discussed by Bromsgrove District Council.

Fine for driver of lorry involved in horse collision

A LORRY driver whose vehicle was involved in a collision with a horse who then waited with the rider for paramedics, has been fined after failing to officially report the crash.

Colin Guest was driving along Gospel End Road in Sedg-ley when his DAF lorry hit 41-year-old Claire Macmanomy. The 47-year-old appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty to being the driver of a vehicle involved

Show Success in an accident on February 7
and failing to report it.

Show success means more staff needed

EXTRA curators are being recruited to four town halls by council bosses to help

to take on the additional staff to work at its venues in the borough. An average of around 180,000 visitors at-tend shows at Stourbridge Town Hall, Dudley Town Hall, Brierley Hill Civic Hall

and the Cornbow in Hale-sowen each year.

The council says it needs to take on additional three casual curators, taking the total to six. Bosses say during busy periods they do not have enough staff on site. Bookings are taken seven days a week and have steadily increased during the last

There are more than 15 professional shows between now and the end of the year with comedians John Bishop and Jasper Carrott as well as productions by Viva Mu-sica Choir and Ballet Cymru on the Entertainment Live programme. There are also amateur productions, film screenings, dances and

there is a legal obligation

for people to report an acci-dent."

dent."

She concluded that Guest had an 'horrendous experience' and 'just didn't know the law'. Guest, of Turls Hill Road, Coseley, was handed five penalty points and fined £255. The rider suffered a fractured vartebrea and the

fractured vertebrae and the

Sunshine smiles at town's carnival



Street performers Jo Terry, of Stourbridge, and Jane Stephens, of Wednesbury, during Stourbridge Carnival

ALL the fun of the carnival from music and dance to fairground rides and market stalls filled Stourbridge town centre as thousands of people basked in the sunshine.

The event, in its 27th year, attracted one of its biggest crowds with High Street and Market Street full of families enjoying the entertainment.

A colourful parade with a World Cup theme made its way through the town, accompanied by a marching band and stilt walkers.

Britain's Got Talent salsa granny Paddy Jones was the guest of honour to help judge the carnival princess competition. Prizes and certificates were handed out to the walking groups with top trophy going to the Fantasy Dance academy for their foot-ball-themed costumes. The runner up award went to the Stourbridge Fair-

As well as the host of charity and food stalls the High Street, Stour-bridge Carnival was this year linked with the Black Country Festival, a month-long celebration in honour of Black Country Day on July 14.

Organiser David Harcourt was 'absolutely' delighted with the huge

"We had thousands and thousands we had thousands and thousands of people. When I looked up the High Street, there was just a sea of people," he said.

"We had more stalls in the High Street than we've ever had before am absolutely delighted."

£1m project to

stop brook flood

DUDLEY Council is using a grant of £1.4 million to tackle flooding on Mousesweet Brook near Woodland Avenue, Cradley.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The existing culvert is made of brick and as a result has deteriorated over the years, making it more prone to blockage."

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Initial work includes surveys with the work on the culvert due to follow in May. It is hoped the work will take around six months to complete.

Chance to raise issues with police

A PUBLIC meeting will give residents the chance to raise crime issues in the Upper Gornal area with police on Thursday, July 24. It will take place at Upper Gornal Methodist Church in Spills Meadow.

Residents will be given updates on police campaigns including tackling anti-social behaviour in Pale Street and Rock Street, plus action on the off-road motorbike menace in Arcal Park

The meeting start at 6.30pm.

Learn about the lost mansions

LOST Mansions of the Black Country will be the subject of a history talk on Tuesday by Ian Bott. The Wyre Forest His-torical Research Group precting open to visitors

meeting, open to visitors, is at the Corn Exchange at Kidderminster Town Hall at 2pm. There is a small entry fee which includes refreshments. For details call 01562 746370 or email the groun's secretary at the group's secretary at wfhrg@hotmail.co.uk

Volunteers needed at estate litter pick

RESIDENTS are being asked to take part in a litter pick around a Brierley Hill housing estate on Saturday, July 26.

The event has been organised by Corbyns Bromley Tenants and Residents Association. It will last for three hours from 11am with reluntary asked to with volunteers asked to meet at Sally's Shop, Tiled House Lane.

Seven home plan

PLANS for seven homes on land off Cochrane Road, Brierley Hill, have been lodged with Dudley Coun-cil planners. Jay Allied As-sets has submitted propos-als for four semi-detached and three terraced houses and three terraced houses.









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WE are losing the battle to preserve "against." These days, people protest a decision and appeal a conviction. The next step? A radio reporter eliminated "about" as he told us that someone was "worrying the outcome." Sensible English is vanishing. I worry it. I really do.

HERE'S the sort of thing that makes people angry with big corporations. A couple of days ago our troubled landline packed up yet again. The phone was dead but the broadband was working perfectly. So I went online to the BT page which invites us to: "manage your BT line problems. Troubleshoot issues, report and track faults." I entered the phone number into the appropriate box. Back came the message: "Please note that faults on this line cannot be reported via BT.complease all 0800 800 151." In other words, there's a fault on your phone, so please give us a phone call.

THREE alien species are being targeted for extermination by Defra, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. I can see them bumping off the Indian house crow and the quagga mussel without too many problems. But what reckless, fate-tempting fool will raise his shotgun against the third species, the sacred ibis? The clue is in the name. There is something about shooting an Egyptian sacred ibis that combines those twin follies of killing albatrosses and desecrating a Pharaoh's tomble. How long before those who slaughter the sacred libis are discovered to be suffering from a nasty bout of ill-fortune, a term which will cover anything from sudden death to an ingrown toenail? I bet the headline writers are already on the case: "Curse of the Sacred libis." Don't you just love the cilly except? the silly season?

FAREWELL, the old shoe shop, which has graced our main street for as long as I can remember. It is being replaced by an ice-cream parlour. In this internet age, the products that do best in the high street are the ones that cannot be ordered on line. Shoes can be successfully delivered by courier, ice cream less so.

THE future is robotics. If you believe everything you hear, the Government's Technology Strategy Board is going to drive the UK into the forefront of the global robotic market with a dozen new proving grounds for robots, drones and driverless cars. The aim is to release humans from dirty, dangerous or repetitive tasks. So far, so good. But anyone over 60 will recall the glittering promise of something called automation. Back in the 1950s, automation was going to release us from drudgery. As one old timer told me lyrically many years ago: "The idea was that we'd only have to work a couple of hours a day and we'd spend the rest of our time writing poetry and making mandolins." It has not happened. Far from setting mankind free, the new technology, based on computers, has shackled millions more nappened. Far from setting manking free, the new technology, based on computers, has shackled millions more people to the grindstone. In 1952 about 23 million British people were employed. Today that figure is approaching 32 million. What are the odds on robotics making life easier, giving us more time to raise the kids, draft the occasional sonnet and make a mandolin? Be very sceptical. The lesson of history is that the more labour-saving devices we invent the barrier we must labour. invent, the harder we must labour.

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SOUTH Korea's World Cup squad were pelted with tof-fees after arriving home empty-handed from the World Cup. Over there, hurling high-calorie, sugar-filled treats at someone is regarded as a great insult. Over here, it's a friendly greeting. More Quality Street, gran?

WONGA is to pay £2.6 million in compensation to thousands of people to whom it sent fake letters from bogus law firms. In the meantime, Wonga has invoked the H-word. In a statement it says: "Wonga's focus is on compensating the customers affected by the historic debt collection letters." Historic? The word, as used these days, means "Nothing to do with me, squire. It was all a long time ago." But Wonga's wicked letters were sent out between 2008 and 2010. Hardly the Middle Ages, was it?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Ex-boyfriend in suicide threat kidnap

A SUICIDAL ex-boyfriend who dragged his former partner to a park and threatened to hang himself before her eyes has been jailed.

Paul Attwell breached bail conditions to visit his ex-girlfriend's house. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The 28-year-old forced entry to the flat before dragging her down 12 flights of stairs and to rook for a mark prosecuting.

Attwell, of The Broadway, Dud-ey, admitted one count of kidnap ley, admitted one count of kidnap and was sentenced to three years and nine months in jail for what Judge John Wait described it as a 'terrifying' attack on February 17.

ignored it, assuming it to be Attwell. "At 2.10am he pleaded with her to let him come in but she told him to go away," said Mr Edwards. "Her concerns were such that she began to make a call to the police at 2.22am."

Judge John Wait described it as a 'terrifying' attack on February 17.

At around 2am the victim's in it down a rubbish chute. He buzzer rang on her flat but she then grabbed her hair, tearing out

Tennis outfit smashes estimate

clumps of it. At the park father-of-five Attwell made a loop with a rope he had with him and told the victim he was intending to commit suicide. She prevented him from doing so.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, for Attwell, said his client had been af-fected by drink and drugs since the age of 14. He was given a five-year restraining order to keep away from

ley is inviting people from across the region to its summer fair, being held to raise

Peppa Pig

is guest at

Beacon's

fundraiser

mer fair, being held to raise vital funds for people who are visually impaired.

The Beacon centre on Wolverhampton Road will host its Summer Extravanost its Summer Extrava-ganza on Saturday, when the charity will offer enter-tainment for the whole fam-ily. There face painting and the chance to meet Peppa Pig, and for the rest of the family there will be a variety of stalls tombola and raffle.

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Several local companies will showcase their goods, with stalls selling homemade cakes and pastries, crafts and books.

Kelly Vickers, fundrais-ing and events officer at Beacon, said: "Our summer

Beacon, said: "Our summer extravaganza is set to be a really fun day out for all the family. They'll be plenty to see and do including a very special visit from Peppa Pigherself.

"The event starts at 11am and admission is £2 for adults and free for under 14s. All funds raised will go towards supporting local people with sight loss live fuller and more independent lives." ent lives.

Beacon is also appealing for volunteers to help at the event. Contact 01902 880 111 to find out more.

Challenge to **young readers**

AN annual summer read-AN annual summer reading challenge will launch on Saturday and Dudley Council has organised events to mark the start of the challenge in borough libraries. Children aged four to 11 have until September 14 to read six books. This year's challenge has mythology theme.

theme.
Poet Chris White will be at Stourbridge Library on launch day at 11am, there will be an illustration workshop with Laura Howell at Long Lane library from 10.30am and myths treas-ure hunt at Dudley Library from 2.30pm.

Table top sale

RESIDENTS will be able to pick up a bargain this week-end when a village commu-nity centre hosts a table top

sale.

The event will be held at Stourton Village Hall, in Bridgnorth Road, on Saturday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Campaign launched to stop waste plant

waste plant site in Brierley Hill as a campaign was stepped up at a public meeting to get a permit proposal thrown out.
Clean Power has applied for an environmental permit

to operate the controversial recycling plant on the site

off Moor Street.

At Brierley Hill and Brockmoor and Pensnett community forum last week residents spoke of their opposition. They are worried it would be too close to homes

An application has now

and are fear it would emit a

The forum also saw members from Say No To The Waste Site (SNOW) launch their awareness campaign called 20 Days To Fight The Permit.

Upset

Permit.
Brierley Hill ward councillor Rachel Harris, chair of SNOW said: "Local people are really upset by this. People do not want this waste plant near their homes. The site is surrounded by houses."

houses."
Residents Bridget Clark, Residents Bridget Clark, 43 and John Bristow, 61, from Sion Close, live two minutes' walk from the site. Mr Clark said: "We need to be very vocal about our ob-igetions." jections.

The application for the permit comes after planning permission was rejected by Dudley Council last year. An appeal was lodged but then dropped within weeks of a planning inquiry being held.

by Katy-Rose Meaney

An application has now been submitted to the En-vironment Agency for per-mission operate the plant. Iff granted, the company will still need a planning approval from Dudley Council to build the plant.

Campaigners will be collecting letters and signatures for a petition opposing

the plan in a bid to stop the permit going ahead over their fears over smells and traffic congestion.

The Environment Agency

extended its public consultation on the permit applica-tion to July 20.

Spokesman Jessica Campbell said: "We extended the deadline for comment and also wrote to over 700 households and businesses in the later of the same transfer of the same transfe in the local area

The site would process up to 195,000 tonnes of waste

a year.

Clean Power has previously said the plans are 'entirely appropriate for the site' and will not emit an

New 4x4 ambulances The dress from the iconic 1970s poster attracted a flurry of bids and surpassed the estimat

MORE than a dozen new 4x4 ambulances are to be introduced in the West Midlands under a £2.2million investment from the region's ambulance service.

The 16 Mercedes vehicles will mean paramedics will be able to reach patients in difficult weather and muddy off-road conditions.

The fleet is being brought in by West Midlands Ambulance Service, which already has more than 300 ambulances and 200 rapid response vehicles.

It is hoped each hub, including Willenhall, West Bromwich and Dudley, will get its own 4x4 vehicle.

IT'S the white tennis dress from the iconic poster which was on the bedroom walls of

steenage boys around the globe.
Stourbridge model Fiona Walker is the cheeky tennis player hitching up her skirt.
Now the handmade outfit form the Ten-

nis Girl poster from the 1970s has sold for £15,500 at auction. Bids flooded in for the piece of 1970s history at Fieldings Auctioneers in Stour-bridge, including one bidder as far away as

The lot, which also included two posters and a tennis racquet, exceeded expectations after experts thought it could fetch up to £2,000, on Saturday — the day of the ladies Wimbledon final.

Bidders batted the price back and forth in person and over the phone and the internet as they vied to secure the dress for their own. It smashed its estimates by more than seven fold with bidders outdoing one another until the hammer fell for an anonymous huser as the above. vmous buyer on the phone

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Massive financial boost for museum

A MULTI-MILLION pound arts investment has been welcomed by Black Country attraction bosses as a huge boost for the area.

The cash has been awarded to seven attractions and organisations in the Black Country by the Arts Council for the next three years.

The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley will receive £2,658,000 and it is the first year the venue has secured such funding.

Training

It is expected to be used to improve exhibitions as well as support workforce training, provide new vol-unteering opportunities and support apprenticeships.

Andrew Lovett, director and chief executive of the museum, said: "I look forward to working closely with the Arts Council to maximise its benefit, not just even the three ways to just over the three-year period, but stretching well beyond that."

yond that."

Meanwhile, £430,490 is heading to West Bromwich-based Black Country Touring, up from £429,083, to develop its work with local communities and Sandwell-based Multistory is to act £421,054 up from is to get £421,054, up from £422,435.

Heroin killed man, aged 42

A MAN found at dead at home by his mother had overdosed on heroin, an inquest heard

Simon Middleton was found at his home in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, on November 30 last year.

The 42-year-old had last been seen alive the day be-fore by his mother, an in-quest at Smethwick Council House heard.

House neard.

A significant amount of morphine was found in his blood, likely from using herion. Black Country coroner Robin Balmain concluded that he had died as a result of illeral drug use.

Car and bus collide

A MOTORIST suffered minor injuries when a bus and car were in a crash in Dudley last week, causing long queues on Birmingham New Road and Priory Road. The incident happened at the junction of the two roads at 8.30am on July 2. A woman was treated by paramedics.





Prison for mastermind heroin smuggling operation

HIS drug mules boarded flights bound for Europe concealing more than £1 million of heroin in their suitcases and specially-designed body suits.

Corrupt security officials at Pakistani airports were used to get the drugs out of the country, via connect-ing flights so Tahir Mahmood's couri-

rers could make their way to Europe.

They targeted Dusseldorf airport, which supposedly had weaker security checks, and Birmingham airport as destinations for the class A drugs, where the couriers would be met by Mahmood himself. But despite his best laid plans, all but one

But despite his best fait pians, an out one of the mules were intercepted with their stash, and thanks to surveillance by the National Crime Agency and the Spanish authorities – which included a bug in his home and car – Mahmood was himself caught.

Links

The self-employed delivery driver and fa-ther-of-two from Stourbridge has now been

jailed for leading the criminal enterprise, and will serve 16 years in prison. The details of his criminal enterprise were laid out during his sentence hearing at Birmingham Crown Court last week. at Birmingham Crown Court last week.

Mr Tim Hannam, prosecuting Mahmood,
said he had close links with the source of
the drug in Pakistan, and was involved in
almost every step of its importation into
Europe.

He had two colleagues in Spain who he

He had two colleagues in Spain who he would use to help recruit mules and arrange for their passage across the globe. Sometimes hidden in cases, the drugs would then leave Pakistan with the couriers. In one instant a mule was due to hide the drugs in specially-created shoes but they did not fit, so he had to stash the drugs in his case.

Mr Hannam said: "Each importation of heroin began in Pakistan with officials at either Karachi or Lahore airports being corrupted in order to allow the drugs to bypass the security procedures in place. From there, the courier and the drugs travelled via various interconnecting flights to

elled via various interconnecting flights to Europe. The route was often Islamabad to Doha, Doha to Madrid and Madrid to Dus-



Some of the heroin found inside one of the vests used by a smuggler



A body suit used by a mule to get heroin into Birmingham airport
"Dusseldorf was considered to be a soft touch customs-wise by those involved. Sometimes however, things went wrong, and the courier missed his connecting flight and parted company with his luggage. That, on occasion, led to discovery and arrest."

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Mahmood or his 'right-hand man' Anwar Bashir, sometimes together, would go to the airports to wait for their couriers. If they were to land in Dusseldorf, they would first fly to Amsterdam before doing another short trip into Germany, to avoid suspicion. More often than not the couriers were caught. Five mules havebeen prosecuted senerately in different countries and re-

separately in different countries, and received sentences from five to 12 years

In October 2011 one mule was caught in Madrid after he reported he had lost his luggage which, when recovered, was found to contain more than 12 kilos of heroin. At the

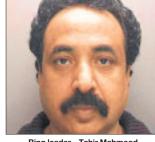
time the Spanish authorities were listening in to the mobile telephone conversations of

in to the mobile telephone conversations of some of those involved, which included conversations with and about Mahmood.

Eight days later a second mule managed to get a quantity of the drug, believed to be 10 kilos, through security at Dusseldorf. On December 12, 2011, the same man was arrested at Islamabad airport with the same quantity on him. A third courier was arrested passing through Vienna airport on January 12, 2012.

In the final two incidents, the mules came into Birmingham Airport to be met by 53-year-old Mahmood. On January 21 2012, the first flew in wearing a body suit stuffed

53-year-old Manmood. On January 21 2012, the first flew in wearing a body suit stuffed with 87 packages of just under four kilos of heroin of up to 71 per cent purity. After meeting Mahmood and Bashir, he got into a taxi which was stopped by police.



Ring leader - Tahir Mahmood



Right-hand man - Anwar Bashir

This was the last offence involving Bashir but later in 2012 recording devices were but later in 2012 recording devices were hidden in Mahmood's home and car. The conversations recorded describe his continued involvement in arrangements to smuggle drugs into this country.

In the final incident on March 21, 2013, a final mule flew to meet Mahmood at Birminghom simput whose adviced doct tool.

a final mule flew to meet Mahmood at Birmingham airport where a drugs dog took an interest in his case on the carousel. It contained 8.3 kilos of heroin.

A note on him listed an address in Lye linked to Mahmood from documents seized from his home in Ridge Grove, Stourbridge.

As well as his jail term, Mahmood was also told he will now face a hearing later in the year to see how much money he will have to pay back.

Bashir, 43, from Park Lane, Bradford, was jailed for 15 years.

Picnic party fun for children at zoo

HUNDREDS of young-sters flocked to Dudley Zoo for the attraction's annual picnic party celebrations.

The two-day event saw under-fives from across the region head for the castle courtyard for storytelling, magic shows and animal encounters.

"There was a real party "There was a real party atmosphere and everyone had a great time, it was wonderful to see the court-yard packed with so many under-fives," said zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitch-

Flower festival in honour of organist

THE Methodist Church in High Street, Amblecote, will be celebrating 175 years with a flower festival and concert next weekend.

on Friday, July 18, Hale-sowen Brass Band will be perform at 7.30pm to start the festivities. Tickets on the door cost £5 including refreshments.

A total of 25 arrange-ments will feature in the event dedicated to organist Norman Yardley, who died this year. On July 19 viewings are from 11am to 4pm and July 20 noon to 4pm.

Dart Charge to mean more jobs

mean more jobs
MORE than 20 skilled jobs
are being created in Birmingham ready for Dart
Charge, which launches
this year to improve journeys at the Dartford Crossing near London.
The Highways Agency is
creating 23 jobs at its National Traffic Control Centre in Quinton as a result
of the scheme, that also
sees Sanef investing over
£1 million in a support centre in Leeds. tre in Leeds.

Cadets launching charity fundraiser

SANDWELL Sea Cadets are planning a charity day to be held at the Sir Robert Peel pub, in Birmingham Road, Blackheath, on Saturday

urday.

Raffles, prize giveaways and games will be taking place from 1pm as part of the fundraising day at the pub, along with face painting and a barbecue.

Brewer celebrates

UPPER Gornal brewers Black Country Ales are creating a special beer to mark Black Country Day, which is celebrated on Monday. The 4.2 per cent strong Chain Ale will be sold in the brewery's pubs.

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One reason is unquestionably down to the fact that while in this country, local councils seem bent on making people walk as far as possible from their cars to the shops - take for example to the shops – take for example the ridiculous block paving out-side the Express & Star offices in Queen Street, which seems to have at a stroke slashed the number of on-street parking

But the other thing is that all the shops open in the evening. It has always struck me as quite absurd how nearly all the shops in our town centres open just as in our town centres open just as everybody arrives at work, and then shut just at the same time as people return. Wouldn't it be a really clever idea for shops to maybe start trading a couple of hours later, say at 11am, and stay open to maybe 9 pm?

JUST when you thought there was nothing left that Benefits Street star Deirdre 'White Dee' Kelly could do that would surprise you, she has finally decided to tell the world she has been off benefits for the past three months. Wonders will never cease. She has also fired a broadside at fellow celebrity

a broadside at fellow celebrity chay Josie Cunningham.
White Dee says Cunningham, the 23-year-old would-be 'glamour model' who bragged about how she got her £4,800 breast enhancement on the NHS to help with her career, is 'rubbing the taxpayers' nose in it' with her incressart quating about how

incessant gloating about how much she is taking off the State. It really comes to something when White Dee thinks you are lowering the tone. Meanwhile it seems Josie has been of it seems Josie has been of-fered a book deal, where she will no doubt wax lyrical about how her NHS surgery enabled her to embark on a spell as a £1,000-a-night 'escort' before

E1, JUU-a-night 'escort' before becoming pregnant by a client. The book will be in Josie's own words and completely unedited. No doubt in a few years' time, it will be appearing on the National Curriculum. In the mean time I'm sure we can all have a lot of fun colouring it in.

ANOTHER testament to the British education system comes in the shape of 19-year-old Zach

Jackson, who found even the task of street robbery too much for his tiny brain to take in.

Because he found the work so gruefiling, he compiled a helpful little checklist offering himself a bit of advice on how to complete the work expressibility.

the work successfully.

"Wear black clothes, gloves, warm up before doing it, watch out for CCTV, grab," were his pearls of wisdom for how to make it as an effective mugger. One tip, Zach. You're much less likely to get caught if you don't write down the instructions.





Paddy receives flowers from Wolverley head Bryn Thomas The great granny in action with dance partner Nico Espinosa



'I'll keep dancing as long as I cal

The octogenarian salsa dancer from Stourbridge isn't ready to quit, she tells **CHARLOTTLE LILLEY**

SHE is the hip-shaking, nimble-footed great-grandmother who stunned the nation as she was thrown around the dance-

floor by her younger partner.

Jaws dropped as Paddy Jones twirled around the Britain's Got Talent stage earning herself a stand-

As she celebrates her 80th birthday, she has revealed she has no plans to hang up her dancing shoes yet, vowing to carry on as long as she can.

Golden

Paddy, from Stourbridge, won the hearts of the nation when she was put straight through to the final of the ITV1 show after judge Amanda Holden pressed her golden buzzer.

She says: "Since appearing on the show my life has been incredible and now Lwant to encourage people to ag for their

Since appearing on the show my life has been incredible and now I want to encourage people to go for their dreams and not give up.

"My mother was a singer and she wanted to be professional but my grandpa said no and told her she had to stay in Stourbridge. I think she lived her life through me. I started dancing at the age of two and later started drama and elocution lessons because, living in the Black Country, elocution is important. I was 12 when I did my first professional show at Dudley Hippodrome and 15 when I left school to go into theatre."

Paddy performed in Dudley, Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Blackpool before meeting her late husband, David, at the age of 16. She decided to give up dancing aged 22 to start a family and ran a shop called Paddy's Fabrics in Victoria Passage, Stourbridge.



'I have no intention of giving up just yet,' says 80-year-old Paddy Jones

In 2001 the couple decided to move to Spain but sadly their move was delayed when David was diagnosed with leukaemia. After nine months of treat-ment at Russells Hall Hospital, he was well enough to go and they enjoyed a few happy months there before the dis-ease returned. He died in March 2003.

Paddy took up Latin-American dance lessons to keep herself busy and redis-covered her love of dance. Her teacher Nico Espinosa, 40 years her junior, recognised her potential and together they started working on routines.

Since then she has been swung, flung, thrown and twirled around stages all over the world and together the couple won the Spanish version of Britain's Got Talent. They finished ninth in the UK version of the competition after Paddy soldiered on despite breaking her ribs just before the final round.

"I never expected the kind of recep-tion I got after appearing on Britain's Got Talent," says Paddy. "It was in-credible when Amanda pressed the golden buzzer because we were the first contestants on the show to get one and

we didn't know what to think. Nico was besides himself and burst into tears. It was an incredible feeling.

"Amanda has been an absolutely wonderful person and a fantastic mentor. She is so down to earth and is incredibly supportive because she sent flowers to Spain when I cracked my ribs."

Since she started dancing again, Paddy, whose real name is Sarah Patricia Jones, has travelled to North and South America, Europe and Israel.

Peru

She competed in Showmatch, the Argentinian version of Strictly Come Dancing but failed to reach the final. The pair have also performed at the World Salsa Congress in Peru.

In 2010 she was entered into the Guinness World Record books for being the aldest sales aerobatic dancer.

the oldest salsa acrobatic dancer.

"I received a medal after appearing in the book which I treasure very much because it is a fantastic achievement," says cause it is a nantastic achievement, says Paddy. "It has been a very exciting few years and I have really enjoyed myself and since the show ended I have had a lot of job offers. "Nico and I have been invited to ap-

pear on India's Got Talent as guest per-formers which is exciting. I have also been asked to perform on a cruise ship for three months but that is just too long because I have a home, a garden, a dog and a cat in Spain and I can't abandon

"I will carry on dancing for as long as I am able to. I have no intention of giving

Last week Paddy marked her 80th Last week Paddy marked ner oven birthday by giving a talk about her ex-periences to students at Wolverley CE Secondary School near Kidderminster. The mother-of-four and grandmoth-er-of-seven comes back to the West Mid-

lands every four months from her home in Spain to visit friends and family. She says: "I miss Stourbridge, I love coming back and seeing everyone I know. I'm a Stourbridge girl at heart."

WEEK IN POLITICS

THE sudden death of West Midlands police and crime commis-sioner Bob Jones has left a void that many think cannot be filled even though the law says they

must do so in just over a month.

Were the loss of a public servant respected even by his political opponents not enough, the police have now been left dealing with one of the more absurd parts of the statute that created the post in the first place.

The Police Reform and Social

Responsibility Act that gave rise to the 2012 elections of PCCs requires a by-election be held not more than 35 days after the

not more than 35 days after the relevant event".

Councillor Darren Cooper, who chairs the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel, found himself in the unenviable position of having to discuss how to replace Mr Jones within four hours of being told of his passing.

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There then followed a debate between Government departments over whether '35 days' meant calendar or business days and whether the 'relevant event' (such a cold and clinical term) meant Mr Jones' passing or some formal potification. or some formal notification.

If we leave aside the gross in-sensitivity of a law that requires a vacancy to be filled so quickly, it is also a bureaucratic night-

mare.
The PCC for the West Midlands covers not fewer than seven council areas. Three of them are cities and one of those is Birare clies and one of those is Bir-mingham, the second biggest in the country. Then there will be the work for the political parties and candi-dates, who must select people

to stand for them and get all the paperwork through.

There will need to be the time to come up with campaign liter-

Meanwhile the work of the PCC must continue. An interim appointment will be made later But what happens if the tem-

porary post holder, likely to be deputy PCC Yvonne Mosquito, wants to throw her hat into the

ring?
Will she be allowed to cam-

will she be allowed to campaign while technically the incumbent?

All the while, we continue to mourn the loss of Bob Jones CBE, who never believed the role of a PCC should exist in the first blose.

role of a PCC should exist in the first place.

In a letter to the Express & Star in 2012, thanking voters and pledging to serve everyone, regardless of how or even if they voted, Mr Jones wrote: "I believe police and crime commissioners are an expressive and tunnecesare an expensive and unnecessary change, poorly implement

sary change, poorly implement-ed and appallingly publicised."

Were he with us today he would be within his rights to say the chaos following his death had proved him correct.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success, 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.

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Latest departure is a big loss for listeners

ADRIAN Goldberg has announced What was once an enjoyable listen has we don't deserve the same? Don't get that he will be leaving Radio WM this now become a quick grasp at the volme wrong. Some of the output of WM is August. I, and doubtless many of his ume control to turn down screeching very good. Iain Lee on Saturday morning. listeners, wish him well and hope that he will further his career in broadcast-

ing.
Many regretted the departure of the warm and friendly Carl Chinn last year. The reasons for his leaving are still unclear. What replaced him has done nothing to help the sense of com-munity which Carl encouraged. Radio WM has turned into a mish-mash of inappropriate non-music with

s ume control to turn down screeching tmusic and loud trailers.

Ed Doolan left a considerable gap when he semi retired, and, like Carl, affections of listeners.

I was listening to Radio Bristol the other day and the presenter was a most agreeable chap. No telling callers to hurry up because 'they had to go to travel news'. No raucous music. It was all very well done. Are listeners in the West Midlands so very different that

of music.
C K MILLWARD, Tipton

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Don't forget the two-wheeled menace

THE reaction of normal, sensible people to the recent Chronicle and Express & Star reports that Dudley and other councils have joined forces to get an injunction against the so called 'boy racers' who infest many of our main roads and side streets, will be 'and about time too!

about time too!'
It's nothing short of a miracle that no one has been killed or seriously injured by one of these morons on Birmingham Road as they roar off Burntree Tesco car park and onto the Southern Bypass.

And I've lost count of the number of occasions that two

And I've lost count of the number of occasions that two or more of them, who were obviously racing each other, have gone by me on the bypass as If I were standing still. Anti-social behaviour is cited as one of the reasons for seeking the injunction against them, so hopefully the same councils will not stop there and will go after another equally idiotic group — namely those who ride around aim-lessly at all hours of the day and night on their silly little motor scooters that sound like demented wasps. RA SARGEANT,

Nature but not dogs

REGARDING the appointment of a new chief executive of the local Wildlife Trusts (Chronicle, June 19), wouldn't you say that 'for-ty-two grand' was rather a lot for managing a series of dog runs?

Just where in the region might a civilised man enjoy the wonders of nature with-

out an artificial canine's bark or some hateful hound

bark or some hateful hound jumping-up and sniffing his midriff?

DAVID AUSTIN, High Street, The Lye, Stourbridge

World Cup cuts the bill

THE only good thing I have to say about this World Cup to say about this World Cup is thank you for the huge saving in electricity bills—our television has been off more than it has been on. There are actually people who don't want to watch football, so why do we have to put up with it night after night on all channels.

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hospital an eye-opener

WALSALL CENTRAL

AS the chairman of Walsall Central Townswomen's Central Townswomen's Guild was on vacation the chairman-elect Ann Smith fronted the July meeting. Following the formal matters it was announced that due to unforeseen cir-

cumstances the scheduled speaker for the evening was speaker for the evening was unable to be present, but the speakers' secretary had been lucky enough to secure the aid of Lawrence Parkes, whose "day job" was Federation Treasurer but was also passionately involved in the charity Hamlin Fistula UK. This charity supported the Addis Abada Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia which had been set up in 1974 by Drs Reginald and Catherine Hamlin.

Hamlin.

It cares for women with It cares for women with devastating childbirth and related injuries. All care, treatment and surgery is completely free of charge. Since its opening, great advancements have been

advancements have been made, but there remains much more to be achieved. Unfortunately Dr Reginald Hamlin died in 1993, but his wife, Catherine – now 90 years of age – continues with the work they began together.

with the work they began together.

The presentation by Lawrence was truly eye-opening and everyone in the room that evening felt very humbled by the wonderful work being carried out.

The chairman-elect announced that future social events included a cream tea at the home of the chairman Pat Jones on July 17 and

Pat Jones on July 17 and there will be a coffee morn-ing/bring and buy at a mem-ber's home on August 5.

Talk about Friendships formed in twinning venture



Pennants are exchanged to mark the twinning of Sandwell and Manzini Lions

SANDWELL Lions Club have successfully twinned with Manzini LIons Club in Swazi-

Two club members visited the country in May to attend a twinning ceremony. This was the culmination of 12 months of communication between the two clubs to work

together in a joint venture.

Sandwell members Ray and Ann Staniland of Oldbury used to live in Swaziland and were keen to have some input in assisting with a local project in Manzini.
The project involved is building a basic two-room house for a grandmother of seven

SANDWELL LIONS

who lost their wattle and mud home in a fire. A cheque was presented to Manzini Lions for £1,000 to assist with this project. Pennants were exchanged and friendships

Sandwell Lions Club meet every first and sandwei Loos Club niest every inst aid third Tuesday at St Huberts church hall, Clent Road Oldbury at 8pm. Anyone wish-ing to make friends and helppeople less fortunate, together, with great social ever invited to attend an informal meeting.

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MRS Sutton introduced Mr & Mrs Fawdrey with a talk entitled 'Only when the Plane comes in'.

Mr Fawdrey described how the MAF, Mission Avi-ation Fellowship, came into

After the Second World War, there were many pi-lots and engineers who were willing to give their services to the Christian Aviation Social Studies speaker was Iain Watkins, head of marketing & communica-tions at the Grand Theatre.

charity. In many isolated communities a visit to hospital could mean a two to three day walk, but with MAF, it becomes an 11-minute flight. They now operate in 25 developing countries.

The Gardening Group enjoyed a visit to Bodnant Gardens in North Wales and were lucky enough to

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Leader attacks 'abuse of power'

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT speaks to a veteran Black Country councillor who fears the impact of cuts

DRASTIC cuts in council funding are part of an 'abuse of power' by the Government,

according to senior Dudley councillor David Sparks.

Were he 'merely' the leader of a metropolitan borough council, a 37-year veteran of local politics, it might not be an unusual remark. But Councillor Sparks is the firstWest Midlands chairman of the influential Local Government Association.

ernment Association.

He has just taken up the post, overseeing the national body that represents all but two local authorities in England and as such his words carry a weight far beyond the borough of Dudley.

Warnings

Now, he makes a series of stark

Now, he makes a series of stark warnings, saying:

Cuts in funding to councils are so severe that many will do nothing more than look after vulnerable adults and children within four or five years.

Council tax is in need of a major reform or even replacement.

Authorities in the West Midlands must have a greater say over their

Authorities in the West Midlands must have a greater say over their funding to compete with London and Greater Manchester.
Local democracy has been 'eroded' by Westminster politicians taking more control.
There is 'no more money' to give workers going on strike today (July 10) the pay rises they demand.
The Dudley Council leader is quietly angry at how councils have been banned from raising council tax by



Dudley's David Sparks has been appointed chairman of the local government association

more than two per cent without hold-

more than two per cent without holding a referendum, something no authority would ever win.

"The fundamental abuse of power has been how local councils have been singled out by the Government to bear the brunt of public expenditure cuts," said Councillor Sparks.

"For the past 20 years there has been a gradual erosion in the freedom of individual citizens to determine the local services themselves," says 65-year-old local government veteran.
"This has now resulted in a system of government that is broken.

"Councils have been cut back to a level that they can no longer satisfy the minimum standards that their

citizens want. Some, such as Wolvercitizens want. Some, such as Wolver-hampton, have even said they were on the verge of bankruptcy. We also know that English councils get a raw deal when compared with Scotland and Wales."

"The elephant in the room is the council tax system," Councillor Sparks says. "It has never been fundamen-

tally reviewed since it came into effect in 1993."

in 1993." He says he wants to see a combined authority for the West Midlands, bringing Birmingham together with the Black Country. It sounds suspiciously like Greater Birmingham. "I'm not bothered what you call it," added the Labour councillor.

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"For some customers we supply new windows and doors, for others we provide a complete home improvement service from building extensions and fitting kitchens, to designing and installing conservatories and more recently Orangeries," says Nathan.

One tremendously satisfied customer is Rick Houghton. Having being recommended to Choices Windows by colleagues at work he employed them to carry out extensive work at his home, he is keen to share his experiences and commend the team involved. "Every stage of the process was excellently planned and we received nothing but the best service from start to finish. The tradesmen were outstanding and we were so impressed that we handed over our keys and went on holiday whilst the work was being carried out."

Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with e results on their return.

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"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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remarks Nathan.

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free".

"After many years in the Double glazing business we have seen a lot of competitors come and go, unfortunately leaving many customers without any warranty, after parting with their hard earned cash. Any customer who is considering having any home improvements should choose carefully and do their homework on the company they are considering, ensure if you part with money upfront it is protected by a Fensa approved deposit indemnity scheme, ask to visit previous customers but most importantly don't be fooled by the salesmen's tactics of a tempting "sign on the night low price offer" that the double glazing industry is notorious for "advises Nathan.

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MANY people who grew up in Dudley, like I did, will remember Bert Bissell.
Bert was real local hero who was born in Dudley and lived at Selborne Road. He worked as a probation officer but dedicated his spare time to work in his local community and his church on Vicar Street.
On VJ Day in 1945 Bert took a group from his

took a group from his church and climbed Ben

On Vo Day in 1945 Bert took a group from his church and climbed Ben Nevis, constructing a 'Peace Cairn' at its summit. Amazingly he repeated the expedition many times after that, for 50 years.

We were lucky enough to count Bert as a great friend of my family and I remember him well. His dedication to his local community was an inspiration to so many of us. Bert passed away in November 1998, aged 96. Today there is a monument to him at Coronation Gardens in Dudley town centre but I've often thought we ought to do something in his memory.

That's why this year I thought that it would be a fitting tribute to climb the same mountain he conquered so many times to raise money for local charities in what I hope will become a yearly tradition, like Bert's. It's the longest walk I have ever attempted but I will be tackling it together with the Mayor's Consort Councillor Adam Aston, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho and Armed Porces Champion Councillor Dave Tyler. I'm relying on them to get me through it!

Half of the funds we raise will go to the Mayor's chari-

THE WAY I SEE IT



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'It would be a fitting tribute to climb the same mountain he conquered so many times to raise money for local charities'

ties Action Heart and Guide Dogs with the remainder split equally between the children's unit at Russells Hall, local Royal British Legion and Black Country Fast Aid to support ambu-

Fast Aid to support ambulances. These are all great local causes, so please offer your support at www.bert-bissellmemorialwalk.co.uk.

LAST week I got drawn to ask a question at PMQs. It's my job to go to London and speak up for people in Dudley, so I went straight to local residents to hear what they thought I should ask David Cameron.

I was pleased to see that education and skills was the top issue amongst the

the top issue amongst the hundreds of people who responded. Nine out of ten agreed with me that we

need to make education and skills our number one prior-ity to bring better schools, better skills and better jobs to Dudley. More than half said that creating more ap-prenticeships was the best way to improve our skills

way to improve our skills.
That's why I told David
Cameron that every new
house or road built by the
Government should create apprenticeship places
to reverse falling numbers
of reverse falling numbers to reverse falling numbers of young apprentices and help tackle long-term youth unemployment in Dudley that is twice the national average. I was really disappointed to hear him say that we shouldn't be worried about unemployment in Dudley and that to say otherwise is talking Dudley down.

Responding to a serious question with an answer like that shows just how out of touch and complacent he is. Unemployment might not be a problem for David Cameron's multi-millionaire friends in London but things are very different in Dudley.

I grew up here, I live here now and no one is prouder of

now and no one is prouder of Dudley than me but I think we need better schools, bet-

ter skills and better jobs to replace the ones we've lost. You have been clear that education should be our education should be our number one priority, so over the coming years it will be my priority too. In the last two weeks I have called on David Cameron to boost apprenticeships, brought the head of Dudley's top school to meet the Education Sections of the properties of the propertie retary and backed new plans

to meet the Education Secretary and backed new plans to create high status 'master teachers' in schools. I look forward to doing much more in the year ahead.

I WAS horrified to hear the news that a dog had been found hanged by a chain in Kate's Hill last week. Decent people will be appalled by such a horrendous crime. It is utterly barbaric and you have to question the mentality of the people responsible.

I'm offering a reward of £250 for anyone who provides information leading to the conviction of the people responsible for this crime. If you have information please get in touch with the

responsible for this crime. If you have information please get in touch with the RSPCA on 0300 123 8018 or contact me in confidence on 01384 342 503 or by email at ian.austin.mp@parlia ment.uk

































































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attraction

A WATER park complete with indoor beaches and slides, hotel and 'jungle' area is part of the £80 vision to transform West Midland Safari Park.

The project at the attraction near Kidderminster will be the biggest revamp of the site in decades and is designed to attract thousands more visitors. The work would be carried out over the next 10 years and bosses said it would turn the attraction into a resort that could rival Alton Towers.

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Plans are also in the pipeline to link the safari park
with the Severn Valley Railway via a new stop.
The water park would
have a jungle-themed environment featuring pools,
rides and slides around
coves and beaches.
Officials say the water
park would be built on the
side of Bunkers Hill and include slides snaking in and

clude slides snaking in and out of the building. Plansto be submitted to Wyre Forest District Council in August. The expansion is expected to create 500 jobs

Safari park plan water Call for maximum punishment after horrifying killing of a dog

for those who killed a dog found hanging from a metal chain to receive a tough punishment.

Community leaders have condemned the attack on the young dog which had been tied to a railing 15ft above street level near a primary school in Dudley.

The body of a male Staffie/Mastiff cross was discovered by a horrified member of the

public in Bishop Close, close to Kates Hill Primary School. RSPCA inspector Dave McCartney at-

RSPCA inspector Dave McCartney attended the scene after a member of the public reported what they described as a 'dog nailed to a wall' at 2am on Saturday.
Dudley South MP Chris Kelly has written to the Home Secretary Theresa May, Justice Secretary Chris Grayling and West Midlands Police chiefs.
He said: "I hope that Dudley Police are successful in finding and arresting the culprit or culprits and that the full weight of the law—including the maximum sentence—will be applied in the event of a successful conviction. A strong message must be

— will be applied in the event of a successful conviction. A strong message must be sent out across the country that animal cruelty is unacceptable."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, whose constituency covers Kates Hill. is offering a reward in a bid to catch those responsible. He said: "Decent people will be appalled by such a horrendous crime. It is utterly

Report by Andrew Turton

barbaric and you have to question the mentality of the people responsible.

"I know local people will be outraged that this could happen in Dudley. I get a lot of correspondence from local people about animal welfare and I have worked hard to campaign on animal welfare issues. Incidents like this remind us why much more still needs to be done.

Reward

"Someone must know who did this and I hope they come forward with any information they have. That's why I'm offering a reward of £250 for anyone who provides information leading to the conviction of the people responsible for this crime."

He urged those with information to get in touch with the RSPCA on 0300 123 8018 or contact him in confidence on (01384) 342 503 or at ian.austin.mp@parliament.uk.

Pagans tie the knot in park



A PAGAN wedding was held in a Black Country park. Scott Homer and Teresa Ball showed their commit-ment to each other in a cer-emony called a handfasting at Stevens Park in Quarry

The Dudley couple were joined by family and friends on the bandstand for the on the bandstand for the ceremony, overseen by a druid priest. Pagan weddings are recognised in Scotland, although rules in England dictate that Scott, 25 and Teresa, 52, are not officially married.

The couple said their ceremony was about establishing a spritual connection.

ing a spiritual connection.

Druid priest Cat Treadwell travelled from Derby to perform the ceremony for tattoo artist Scott and mothers of the Travelled from the control to the control

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IT IS billed as one of the year's biggest blockbust-ers with a cast including Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth. The film adapta-tion of Black Country author Steve Watson's de-but novel Before I Go To Sleep will be released on September 5.

A trailer has been unveiled and anticipation is now building for the film, which went into produc-

which went into produc-tion two years ago.

Hollywood heavy-weights Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth take the lead roles in the adapta-tion of Mr Watson's book, tense psychological

a tense psychological thriller.
Mr Watson, a former pupil at Wordsley School and King Edward VI Sixth Form College, wrote the novel under the name SJ Watson. He has given the film his blessing and spent a number of days on set in a number of days on set in

London during filming.

Mr Watson is now
working on his follow-up

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SEAL-TIGHT Lack of hospital staff led to £14m agency bill

forked out £14 million on agen-cy staff in a year because of a shortage of nurses and other

shortage of nurses and other workers to fill shifts.
Figures show the bill for agency workers for the five NHS Trusts covering the Black Country and Staffordshire more than doubled in 2013/2014. It was £6.3m in 2012/13. Tens of thousands of shifts at hospitals are being filled by agency workers and latest figures include a nurse paid more than £1,400 for a 12-hour shift on a bank holiday, working out to almost £120 per hour.

Soaring

Bosses blame increasing patient numbers and staff sickness for the soaring spending. Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust was the biggest spender in the Black Country, paying out £5,828,000 on agency nurses. Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust saw its bill triple to £2.192,700.

E2,192,700.
Dudley North MP Ian Austin said: "After recent reports that Dudley hospitals are £1.38 million in debt, I'm really concerned 21.35 million in debt, I in really concerned to hear that they're spending millions on agency staff. The fact is local hospitals don't have the staff they need after the To-ries squandered £3 billion on reorganising the NHS instead of frontline staff, losing 6,000 nurses as a result.

"Doctors, nurses and other staff are working flat out at Russells Hall but, thanks to Tory health policies, waiting times are up, cancelled operations are at their highest level in a decade and hospitals are going millions into debt."

Sharon Williams, spokeswoman for Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Whilst there has been significant investment in the workforce, bank and agency staff are used to support wards when required and provide the best possible patient care. The need to keep all capacities open throughout the year and ensure safe staffing levels in wards has meant that agency costs continue to be incurred."

Walkers top aid target



The intrepid three peak group with Richard Powell on the far right

FRIENDS who completed the Three Peaks Challenge are set to smash their £4,000 charity target.

Nine walkers from the Black Country scaled Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in less than 24 hours and are poised to beat their £4,000 target for Compton Hospice.

One of the team, Richard Powell from Sedgley, said: "It was a fantas-

tic. All of us are from in and around Wolverhampton, and we all know someone who has been helped in some way by Compton Hospice."

He was joined by Robert Atkinson, Darrell Parton, Adam Hall, Richard Swan, Wayne Harrison, Stuart Stanway, Dan Parton, Chris Perrins, Simon Jones and James Purshouse.

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turer has been fined £53,000 after safety failings led to a worker

losing two fingers.

Self-employed electrical contractor Ian Mowbray was working at MTI Welding Technologies Ltd in Kingswinford when his fingers were crushed. The 49-year-old from Wolzenbauert was trained to motific verhampton was trying to rectify a problem on a high-friction welding machine when the incident happened

machine when the incident happened on August 23 last year.
Dudley Magistrates Court heard he pressed the wrong button, closing the powerful hydraulic holding fixture on to his left hand. His middle and ring fingers were so badly crushed that they had to be amputated in hospital.

Mr Mowbray was off work for three weeks but has since returned to the company on Pensnett Trading Estate, off Stallings Lane.

The court was told MTI Welding Technologies failed to report the incident to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). It only came to light four weeks later when HSE received an anonymous complaint which

came to light four weeks later when HSE received an anonymous complaint which led to an unannounced inspection.

The investigation found the company had acquired the machine from another firm that had modified it from a safe, au-tomatically-loaded one. Over-riding the interlocks meant the door to the safety en-closure could be opened without stopping the machine.

the machine.

The organisation claimed the visit revealed radial arm drill was running without a suitably maintained safety switch, leaving operators inadequately protected. It's use was banned until the fault was repaired.

MTI Welding Technologies Ltd pleading guilty to breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998. It was Work Equipment Regulations 1998. It was fined £53,000 and told to pay £3,100 costs.

It's a wrap for keepers



Keepers Stacey Ball, Richard Brown and Shaun Crompton join the Big Bandage campaign

DUDLEY Zoo keepers raided first aid kits in Lemur Wood in a bid to raise funds for Birmingham Chil-

raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital.
Staff have joined the Big Bandage campaign to raise £4 million for a Children's Cancer Centre and are hoping their efforts will remain under wraps during the event tomorrow. Friday's fundraiser is particularly poignant for primate keeper, Stacey Ball, whose two-year-old daughter, Lily spent the first two months of her life at the hospital.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman explained: "Lily was born with her bowels outside her body and had to undergo quite a serious and lengthy operation soon after birth. We all shared Stacey's concern when Lily was admitted but that quickly grew to admiration for the staff and their work with youngsters as gradually Lily grew stronger and was able to go home."

go home."

She added: "Staff were really keen to help raise funds, so we'll all be wearing our bandages on July

Prison for drug dealer after police raid home

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for 30 months after a police raid on his home uncovered almost £3,000 worth of cocaine.

Officers swooped at the house Jordan Edwards' shared with his parents in Lyy House Lane, Coseley, on December 14 last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

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A search recovered 55g of cocaine, £1,142 worth of cannabis in a cupboard, around £3,000 cash and a quantity of a Class C drug.

Ms Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said digital scales, resealable bags and a large quantity of a cutting agent were also found in various rooms around the house. "This was the equipment associated with drug supply," said the prosecutor.

The court was told 26-year-old Edwards had previous convictions for supplying drugs and production of cannabis.

Mr Michael Garrett, defending, said his client had

fending, said his client had started to supply cocaine to his friend in order to feed

his own habit.

"He recognises he has a serious drug problem, which he has taken steps to address," he added.

Edwards pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine with

possession of cocame with the total supply, possession of cannabis and possession of a Class C drug.

Jailing him for 30 months, Recorder Peter Cooke ordered the forfeiture and destruction of the drugs and paraphernalia. paraphernalia.



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Talented teenager is tuning up for the top

Country is hoping to sing her way to stardom after reaching the finals of two national competitions.

Holly Wright has been performing at festivals, fairs and fun days

ing at festivals, fairs and fun days across the region for a few years.
But now the 14-year-old from Old Hill is hoping to wow the judges in two national competitions.
The St Michael's pupil will be performing in the grand final of Teen Star at the NEC in Birmingham on Saturday, July 19, before heading to Blackpool on September 26 for the final of Talent Fest UK.

Excited

She said: "I'm not nervous actually, think I get more excited than any-

thing else.

"I'll be singing Show Me Heaven by
Maria McKee, as it's a song I really

The potential pop star, from Forest Drive, started singing at the age of nine when her primary school teacher convinced her parents to get her some

convinced ner parents to get ner some singing lessons. Ever since she has been performing around the West Midlands and has even travelled as far as Scotland to put on shows. Parents Michelle and Andrew have

been supporting her through her early career, ferrying her across the coun-

try.
Mrs Wright said: "It's mum and dad's taxi - wherever Holly sings we go out, she's taken us up and down the

go out, she's taken us up and down the country.

"She got through to the Teen Fest final after a heat in Chepstow in May, and she has been to the NEC twice already in the Teen Star competition.

"We love it, absolutely love it.

"I have said it before, but we don't



Holly Wright, 14, who has reached national finals of two singing competitions know where her singing comes from, to learn more about a career in the

Academy

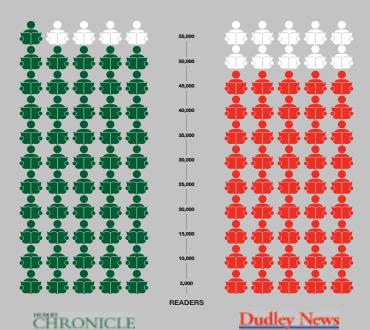
Holly is now set to go to the Birmingham Ormiston Academy for creative and performing arts in September

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what choices I can make to see where I want to go."
You can see Holly performing at the OH Festival on Saturday at Spring Meadow Social Club in Old Hill.

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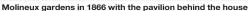
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Molineux Hotel pictured back in the 1940s



An aerial view of Molineux in the 1950s

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Molineux borne out of 'Rotton' beginnings

IN 1720 a man named John Rotton decided to build himself a house. We do not know who Mr Rotton was, but he may well have been a promwhich inent bucklemaker. was an important trade in Wolverhampton.

If the contractor he chose gathered his men by the Town Hall at the top of High Green (now Queen Square), which seems a likely spot they would have walked down High Green and turned right at the bottom into Tup Street (now North Street)

the bottom into Tup Street (now North Street).

They would have passed the Red Lion and three Prebend houses, and Giffard House to a piece of land of about eight acres at the top of Wadhams Hill.

Mr Rotton had them line up his new house facing St Peter's Church, but at the rear there was a fine view over

open countryside, stretching to Tet-

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tenhall ridge, with Chillington Hall visible 10 miles away.

John Rotton only lived in his new house for about 20 years, because he died in 1743 and because he died owing a local ironmaster named John Molineux £700, his widow came to an agreement handing over the house in nament.

Impressed

John Molineux was so impressed with the house that he decided to

with the house that he decided to make it the family's main residence, and it was greatly extended, with for-mal gardens stretching down the hill. As time went on Wolverhampton ex-panded, Waterloo Road was cut across the hill and new housing built, and as the 19th Century progressed, a whole new suburb, Newhampton, was built, and instend of a family agree comand instead of a fine view across open

out on ranks of smoky rooftops.

In 1860 the Molineux family sold the house and by 1870 it had been turned into a hotel, with its gardens

turned into a hotel, with its gardens becoming Wolverhampton's first public park, albeit with an entry fee.

To bring in the crowds various sporting activities were promoted, and cycle races in particular drew in crowds of up to 20,000 people.

Across town a football team borne out of St Luke's church was drawing large crowds at its Dudley Road ground, and was looking for a bigger stadium. stadium

stadium.

A deal was struck, the lake in Molineux Gardens was filled in, and a football pitch and stands were constructed and Wolverhampton Wanderers began its long relationship with the ground which still retains the name Molineux.

How fortunate that the name of the original owner of the house did not adhere to the property, because it would now be Rotton House and Rotton Stadium.



The bowling greens at the back of Molineux

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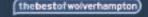
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£3m fire station to open soon

BUILDING work is gathering pace on a new multi-million pound fire station in the Black Country.

Work is on track for the \$\preceq\$ million station serving Halesowen and Cradley Heath to be open by the end of August to fire crews. Finishing touches are being end of August to fire crews. Finishing touches are being made to the site, at the junction of Barrs Road and Halesowen Road, once site of former municipal buildings.

History

The history of the council buildings will be remem-bered with a plaque planned in commemoration to be put in place ahead of the grand

in place ahead of the grand opening.
But also bosses say they wanted the building to have architecture fitting for a landmark site on a busy road used by thousands of motorists a month. Eye-catching glass windows soar up from ground level at the entrance to the newly

soar up from ground level at the entrance to the newly named Haden Cross Com-munity Fire Station. Three bays have been cre-ated inside the station, for a main fire crew and a smaller response vehicle.

Cemetery will expand onto pitch

Dudley Cemetery to create dozens of extra burial plots will start after councillors approved funding for

the project.

There had been fears that Dudley could run out of plots by the autumn if more space tumn if more space wasn't found. With only 140 plots remaining, the situation was described as 'critical'.

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But plans for a £200,000 extension to the cemetery, on a former football pitch off Clee Road, will give enough burial space for around 20

year.

It will include 1,000 plots and will be able to cater for all religious needs. There will also be 150 cremated remains plots and 140 smaller. mains plots and 140 smaller

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environ-ment and culture, said: "We ment and culture, said: "We are spending up to £200,000 extending the amount of burial space we have in

Diversity

"The new facility will be able to cater for specific religious needs, which is something that is very important to us with the rich diversity we have in the borough."

The scheme was approved at last week's cabinet meeting and the site is expected to be ready for burials before the end of the year

Bosses said the current football pitch is in a poor condition and they plan to replace it with a new pitch elsewhere in the borough.

Bid to turn park into attraction

AMBITIOUS plans for a £2.5 million visitor centre in the grounds of Hagley Hall have been revealed in a bid to create a major new tour-

have been revealed in a bid to create a major new tourist attraction.

Lord Cobham, whose family have owned the 300 acre estate since the 18th century, wants to reopen Hagley Park to visitors for the first time in some 30 years.

Proposals have been lodged to build the visitor centre which will also have space for a restaurant, gift shop, study rooms and a three-bedroom ranger's house. There are also proposals to create a children's play area and car parking for up to 180 vehicles including coaches.

The 12th Viscount Coham, Christopher Lyttelton, estimates the park near Stourbridge could attract up to 100,000 visitors a year. The scheme is vital to help pay for upkeep of the estate, where Lord Cobham has started several restoration projects including the landmark Wychbury Obelisk.

Bromsgrove District Council planners will consider the plans.

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Two-tier market fear over property prices

HOUSE prices in parts of the West Midlands are lower now than at the worst point in the recession, despite a national upturn in the market.

Fears of a two-tier recovery were raised as houses in areas like Bilston were shown to have dropped eight per cent in value since 2009 while a home in affluent Solihull

cent in value since 2009 while a nome in aniuent commun-has shot up 16 per cent.

Areas like Wolverhampton and Walsall have seen a lit-tle change since 2009 but a sudden increase in the past year. Yet homes in Stourbridge, Dudley, Kidderminster, Willenhall and Cannock are all being sold for less now

Willenhall and Cannock are all being soid for less now than five years ago.

According to figures from the Halifax, In Bilston an average home will change hands for £107,008, compared with £268,042 in Solihull. But despite the low growth in prices, four out of five properties on the market are out of reach of the average working family looking to buy their first home, according to housing charity Shelter.



Pilot's lucky escape after wheel collapses on landing

A PILOT had a lucky escape after his plane crashed during landing at an airport in South Staffordshire.

The Piper PA-28 Cherokee was coming into land at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport at Bobington, near Stourbridge, on July 2 at 11am when its front wheel collapsed causing it to skid along the runway.

The plane was being flown by a male pilot and there were no passengers on board at the time of the

crash.

Fire crews based at the airport were scrambled to the plane and sprayed it with foam to prevent any fire starting.

Airport officials say that the pilot

was uninjured. They were unable to reveal where the plane was flying

reveal where the promisers from.

Alastair Mackinnon, the operational manager at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport, said: "At around 11am the Piper PA-8 Cherokee has come into land and as it has done so the front wheel has collarsed.

"It has skidded along the run way and come to a stop – it was a simple collision.

"One male was on board, the pilot, One male was on board, the pilot, and there were no injuries. The fire service that is based at the airport sprayed the plane with foam but this was precautionary and to prevent any possibility of a fire starting."



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Campaign to tackle rising tide of sex abuse cases

THERE were 225 cases of child sexual exploitation in the West Midlands in a year and the disturbing trend is still growing

The figures have been revealed as a campaign is

The figures have been revealed as a campaign is launched to save protect from abuse.
Councils and police have banded together to set up the 'See Me, Hear Me' campaign to encourage people to spot the warning signs of abuse in a child's behaviour.

A website has been launched which contains information about the 'hidden crime' of child sex exploitation (CSE). Information packs are being offered as well as guidance for people who work in hotels, leisure centres and taxi companies.

Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall, Coventry, Birmingham and Soli-

try, Birmingham and Soli-hull councils are involved with West Midlands Police.

Hidden

There were 82 cases of CSE in Birmingham in 2013/14, 34 in Sandwell, 29 in Dudley, 29 in Walsall, 20 in Wolverhampton, 15 in Solihull and 16 in Coventry—the numbers are increasing. Since April 2014 alone there have been 65 more cases in Birmingham, 21 in Wolverhampton, nine in Dudley.

Birmingham, 21 in Wolver-hampton, nine in Dudley, four in Sandwell, three in Walsall, 15 in Coventry and five in Solihull.

The rise has been put down to the work of a spe-cialist team identifying cases that would previously have been recorded differ-ently.

Stephen Rimmer, West Stephen Rimmer, west Midlands lead for tackling CSE, said: "Child sexual ex-ploitation has been a hidden crime for far too long. The perpetrators deliberately target some of our most vul-

are working to common standards of reporting and investigation. This must be matched by greater public awareness.

'No school or community is immune from this threat. The relentless depiction of online porn is placing ever greater pressure on pre and

greater pressure on pre and early teenagers.
"We must work together to protect our children from manipulative abusers of all ages and backgrounds, and fight back against accepting as 'normal' the depiction of aggressive and exploitative sexual relationships."
Warning signs can include having older friends, a child persistently going missing, secretive relationships with unknown adults, truancy, chronic fatigue, constant mobile phone calls, possession of money or new things.

The website is at www.

The website is at www The website is at www. seeme-hearme.org.uk and anyone concerned about the safety of a young person can call police on 101 or Barnardo's on 0121 3595333.

Quantum leap to a new factory for firm

A GROWING fibreglass manufacturing firm has moved

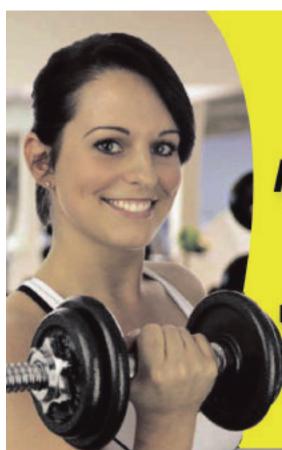
A GROWING fibreglass manufacturing firm has moved out of Stourbridge and into one of the former Sealine boat factories in Kidderminster.

The 50,000 sq factory has been empty since Sealine colapsed last year but now Quantum Mouldings is set to move in and boss Peter Wooldrige says his firm will be looking to recruit some of Sealine's skilled workers.

Growing workloads spurred the move from Quantum's home of 30 years in Enville Street, Stourbridge, and the firm is adding another 10 workers to its 25-strong workforce. Mr Wooldridge is hoping to double the company's workforce if turnover continues to grow at its current rate.

The company makes car trailers and hard tops for pick-up trucks but is also moving into new markets such as housings for wind turbines and parts for the new Agility

shousings for wind turbines and parts for the new Agility Global electric motorbike. The recession saw the company halve in size but has built back up and is busier than ever.



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Bostin' time ahead as region prepares

Black Country flag flies across world



The flag flying in Afghanistan

FROM Bilston to Bermuda and Tipton to Tipperary - bostin' is being uttered the world over ay it, as news of Black Coun-

try Day sweeps the globe.
Proud Black Country folk have been spreading the word as preparations gather pace for the ground-breaking event celebrating all that is

breaking event celebrating all that is great in the Black Country.

More than 5,000 Black Country flags have been manufactured and sold to people keen to show off their passion for where they were born and raised. And they have been proudly waved in all corners of the world –ranging from huge sporting events, music festivals and even by soldiers in Afghanistan.

It seems the world is finally sitting up.

It seems the world is finally sitting up and taking notice ahead of the extrav-

aganza on Monday (July 14). From the swaying masses gathered in front at the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury the the Fyramic stage at Glastonoury the flag was hoisted high on a pole joining the throngs of music fans enjoying the acts. The flag was spotted by fans in the crowds and was clearly seen on television pictures beamed across the country of the coun try to families in their armchairs.

Soldiers have been keen to remember a slice of life in the Black Country even while in the hot deserts of Afghanistan by flying the Black Country Flag over Camp Bastion.

Package

And the Black Country even got a slice of the action at the World Cup in Brazil and another was spotted during the first day of the Tour de France. One of the main organisers, 'Black Country' Gaz Sawers, has been feverishly working around the clock to post and package as many of the Black County Flags as he can.

as he can.

The flag was designed by schoolgirl Gracie Sheppard, 14, who attends
Redhill Secondary School in Stourbridge.The Black Country Festival has
been devised to bring together a host of
arts and cultural events under one banner as excitement builds.

A special citizenship ceremony is also planned on Black Country Day.

Seventy adults from across Walsall,

Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Dudley will become British nationals and Black Country citizens.

The event will take place at Dudley

Town Hall, the first place in the region to fly the Black Country Flag.



Garry Sawers, also known as Black Country Gaz, promotes Black Country Day along with Councillor Pete Lowe in The Town Hall, Dudley



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Comedian Lenny Henry proudly holds up high the flag



Fizzog are perform at the Red House Glass Cone, in Wordsley



Grand idea - Entertainer 'Duchess of Dudley' Lizzie Wiggins

DUDLEY-BORN comic Lenny Henry, Wolves star Danny Bath and even the Prime Minister, David Cameron – the celebration of all things Black Country is receiving approval from well-known famous faces.

famous faces.

Mr Cameron praised the plan to look at the culture, history and identity of the Black Country while on a recent visit to the region, promoting a multi-million pound investment plan by the

try and the world.

Anthem in vow to

head up the charts

IT'S a moving song which was re-worked by gigging mu-sicians to stir the soul of thousands around the Black Coun-

from Friday onwards.

Dudley-born funny man Lenny Henry

has also given his personal backing to this weekend's events.

Visits

The 55-year-old has made several public visits to Dudley since he was made Freeman of the Borough last year. Sports stars from the area have also been getting in the spirit. Wolves Black Country Day will take place on star and Brierley Hill-born footballer

Black Country Day has already won praise from some of the area's best loved figures for putting the pride back into the area Entertainer 'Duchess of Dudley' Liz-

zie Wiggins says Black Country Day is a 'grand idea'and Jacky Fellows one third of the popular Black Country comic trio and theatre group Fizzog
Productions – believes the event will
prove a popular addition to the calen-

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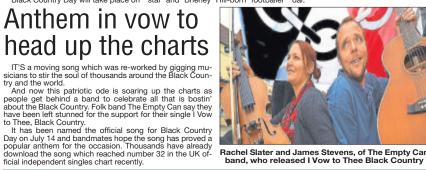
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Rachel Slater and James Stevens, of The Empty Can band, who released I Vow to Thee Black Country

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Panic attacks, fainting, being tense, hyperventilating and just "being terrified" are all

In a campaign to address these fears. Dudley's North Street Dental Clinic is setting aside staff for a month and running "drop-in-and-chat" sessions to help sufferers. No appointment is necessary.

The clinic's "Love Your Dentist' initiative promises a listening ear, as much time as people need and lots of "tea and sympathy." All consultations with the dentist and clinical diagnosis are being offered

free, including all the necessary X-rays.

Whether it's the dentist's drill, needles, the apprehension over pain, gagging, or something else to blame for these anxieties, avoiding them puts people's health at risk, says North Street dentist Polly (GDC No 188090), a Doctor of Dental Medicine, who joined the team after working in Michigan, USA, at a prestigious cosmetic dental

The good news is that all phobias are curable. Polly, who looks after the practice's general dentistry, has been encountering nervous patients for years and on both sides of the Atlantic.

She admits that historically her own profession has not helped alleviate the national problem "but dentistry has changed dramatically in its approach to treatments and the care of patients," she says.

"One of the biggest issues I have to address is the fear of pain. No modern dentistry should be painful.



There is a wide variety of anaesthesia we can use that will eradicate any discomfort," she adds.

Her regular dental nurse, Ann, who has completed some 35 years at the practice, has witnessed many of the changes in the way patients are cared for. "I came here on work experience and never went home," she jokes.

Reflecting on her long career she says: "We make a good team, Polly and me," adding that of all the transitions she has seen at the practice, the latest £500,000 refurbishment has been the most dramatic.

'The changes here are incredible. The whole building has been torn apart and rebuilt and the three new surgeries are nothing like the ones I used to work in." she savs.

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But the dentistry landscape has also changed

equally dramatically. "Children were terrified of the dentist in the early days, especially the school dentist and that scary clinical imagery that surrounded them still troubles some of our more mature patients today," says Ann.

Nothing silly about being afraid

People with fears of the dentist can become more and more dominated by the precautions they take to avoid the things that scare them.

"Fears are often irrational and many sufferers know that's the case, but they're nonetheless real and we recognise that. After all, fears are a natural reaction to things we dislike.
"It's understandable that those who have had a

bad experience are afraid and we want to put that right," says Polly.

The clinical team at North Street Dental, which forms part of the Denture Clinic operation, is clear that there is no shame or nothing silly about being

They pledge that those who come through the doors will be listened to, not judged and encouraged in their personal quest to overcome the fears they have.

Practice manager Jacqueline Burchell adds: "Staff have training to deal with nervous patients and encourage people to tell us exactly how it is for

"Firstly, we assure them they are not alone and that many others suffer in the same way. We have literally held the hands of people who have been in the dentist's chair for treatment as we have managed their anxiety. From start to finish, Polly, Ann and myself, along with our other staff, are there for them.

"We can deliver a great 'going to the dentist' experience here for everyone. Anyone coming here will see the same dentist, they'll get the same nurses and be given as much time as needed.

"Our staff are very approachable and are passionate about what we do and the care we give.'

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Aussies fresh from Monkeys business

AUSTRALIAN psychedelic AUSTRALIAN psychedelic rock band Tame Impala, whose second album Lonerism has become a cult classic, follow their Arctic Monkeys Finsbury Park support slot with a show in their own right at Birmingham's Institute venue, in Digheth on Monday.

Digbeth, on Monday.
The week's other plum gigs are at Bilston's Robin 2 with soulful singer/song-writer Jo Harman in conwriter Jo Harman in concert tonight and acclaimed young guitarist Laurence Jones on Wednesday, July 16, with support from American retro jazzer Davina and her Vagabonds. Meanwhile, the soul sounds of Detroit's Tamla Motown label will be celebrated in The Magic of Motown on Sunday at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Black Country fun at the cone

AN all day music festival is being staged in Stour-bridge this Sunday for the Black Country Day Week-

Black Country Day Week-end.

The Redhouse Cone, Wordsley, has lined up a bill of local musicians including John Langford and Mark Busby Burrows. The event on Sunday will be outside and runs from 11am to 5pm, the same day as a poetry festival at the venue. But fun starts tomorrow night with comedy from New Black Country Night Out featuring Aynuk and The Fizzogs and there will be a celebration of cultural diversity on Saturday. See kmsevents.co.uk

Vinyl chance for Lenny to make his acting debut at The Rep

Uplifting holiday romance

THE stage adaptation of 1987 film Dirty Dancing arrives at the Wolverhamp-ton Grand Theatre this ton Grand Theatre this September, offering audi-ences the opportunity to revel in dance and romance in an upstate New York holiday resort circa 1963. The roles of Baby and Johnny were immortal-ised on the big screen by Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze, whose chemistry made such an impact as

Sewayze, whose chemistry made such an impact as the Romeo and Juliet of Kellerman's holiday resort. So much so that each generation, Dirty Dancing becomes part of the VHS/DVD/Blu-Ray collection.

The stunning salsa and mesmerising merengue and, of course, that climatic lift when Baby jumps into Johnny's arms, will be performed again at the Grand from September 23 to October 11 with Gareth Bailey and Roseanna Frascona in and Roseanna Frascona in



Having the time of their life — Gareth Bailey and Roseanna Frascona as Johnny and Baby

DUDLEY-BORN comedian and actor Lenny Henry will headline Birmingham Repertory Theatre's autumn and winter 2014 season.

The comic turned acclaimed dramatic actor will star in the stage premiere of Rudy's Rare Records from September 4 to 20, his first role at the theatre. Based on his successful BBC Radio 4 series, written by Danny Robins and Henry, Rudy's Rare Records is a poignant comedy set in an old reggae record shop at risk of re-development in Birmingham.

Home

Henry plays Adam, son of shop owner Rudy, who reluctantly moves home to look after his dad and help run the shop.

Adapted for the stage by the writers, Rudy's Rare Records is directed by Pallette Randall and produced by Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Hackney Empire, where it will run after the premiere in Birmingham. The production will feature a live band onstage playing music made famous

feature a live band onstage playing music made famous by Jimmy Cliff, Desmond Dekker and Bob Marley. Henry said: "I've performed comedy gigs many times in Birmingham over the years, but this is my first straight acting role in the city and the first time I've been on stage at The Rep, which is something I'm really looking forward to.



Lenny Henry and his co-stars

"Growing up in Dudley I would come into Birming-

would come into Birmingham every Saturday to hang-out in a record shop not too dissimilar to Rudy's, so it's a play that's very close to my heart."

Roxana Silbert, artistic director at Birmingham Repsaid: "We're delighted that Lenny will be bringing this brilliant show about three generations of a Birmingham family back home."

Tickets cost from £12.50 to £35. Call the box office on 0121 236 4455.

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Funk and folk at niche festivals

niche festivals

FESTIVAL season is in full swing and music fans can fill the gap between Glastonbury and V with a boutique festival in Birmingham.

This weekend, from Friday to Sunday, is the Mostly Jazz Funk & Soul Festival in Moseley Park. New York's Fun Lovin' Criminals headline tomorrow, soul queen Mavis Staples tops the bill on Saturday and The Earth Wind And Fire Experience, featuring original member Al McKay, rounds things off on Sunday.

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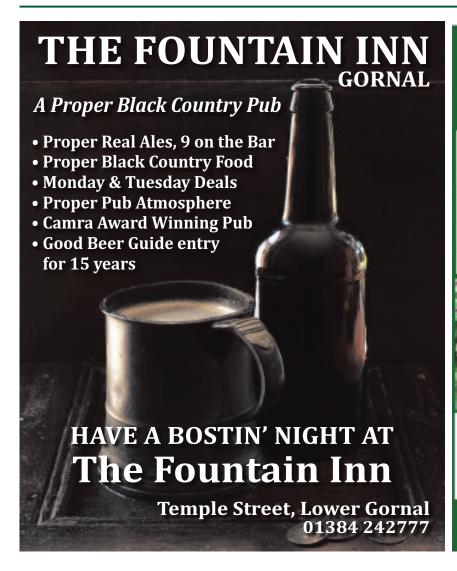
Other acts include Syrian star Omar Souleyman, Dutch dance trio Kraak & Smaak, Cody Chestnu TT, Lack of Afro, 1960s rock veteran Ginger Baker with his Jazz Confusion, and sax symbol Courtney Pine.
On Saturday BBC radio DJ, Coronation Street and Red Dwarf star Craig Charles will have a guest

Charles will have a guest

DJ slot.

Moseley Park will be a venue again on August 29 to 31 for the Moseley Folk Festival. This year it embraces rock acts too it embraces rock acts too with a line up that ranges from Richard Thompson and The Waterboys, to ex-Smith Johnny Marr, rising star Jimi Goodwin, and Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore. Also featured are local acts Dan Whitehouse and The Old Dance School.

For more information see mostlyjazz.co.uk or for the folk fest moseleyfolk.





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Amanda Mealing

Casualty (BBC1, 8.30pm)

The Beeb's flagship hospital drama is used to portraying people in desperate situations. but few go as far as one of tonight's patients. He's a drugs counsellor by trade who enlists the help of a former addict under his care to carry out a carjacking — all in a last-ditch attempt to get his hands on some cash. But why is he so willing to risk all in his bid for riches? The pieces start to fall together when he starts coughing up blood, and it seems that he's been keeping a dark secret from everyone, including his wife. Meanwhile, a leukaemia survivor seems to be struggling with motherhood. Could she be hurting her baby? Medical drama, starring George Rainsford, Richard Winsor, Chloe Howman and Amanda Mealing.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) 12.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.00 Live Athletics: Glasgow Grand Prix. Coverage of the Diamond League event. 5.20 Celebrity Mastermind. (R) 5.50 Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

- Weather.

 7.00 A Question of Sport: Super Saturday. Olympic gold-medal-winning swimmer Rebecca Adlington, Strictly Come Dancing star Anton Du Beke, TV presenter Gethin Jones and BBC Breakfast's Louise Minchin take part.

 7.40 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants West Midlands sisters—in-law, sign-language interpreters from Yorkshire and a Luton father and daughter Luton father and daughter—
 compete for the chance to play for
 the money in the safe, with the
 amount depending on how much
 they have earned in the previous ounds
- 8.30 Casualty. A drugs counsellor enlists the help of a former addict to carry out a carjacking in his desperate bid for money but desperate bild on money — but when he ends up coughing up blood, it turns out there is something he has been keeping from his wife. Cal is negligent wher dealing with the carjacking victim—something that doesn't go unnoticed by Connie — and a leukagaria gruiper is superated of unnoticed by connie - and a leukaemia survivor is suspected of hurting her baby, while Tess returns to the department with a new-found sense of direction in her life.

 9.20 BBC News; Weather.

 9.40 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) 4 burcaneer and a

The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons – and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley, National Lottery Update.

11.50 Film: The Ruins. (2008) Horror, starring Jena Malone and Shawr Ashmore.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.35 Film: Blood on the Moon. (1948) 8.00 MOTD Kickabout. (R) 8.30 World Cup Films. 9.45 Coast 10.05 The Living Planet. (R) 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 12.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 1.00 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the third day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. 5.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.45 Flog III Trade Secrets. 6.15 Film: Catch Me If You Can. (2002) The story of Frank

(2002) The story of Frank Abagnale Jr, who found notoriety as a teenager conning and charming his way across America. Posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, Frank was able to fund an extrawagant lifestyle while put witting the FBI at every furn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks Martin Sheen and James Brolin

8.30 Dad's Army. The air-raid wardens have to share the church hall with the Home Guard after their HQ is bombed, but Hodge's men are terribly disruptive and soon cause mayhem. (R)

mayhem. (R)
The Men Who Made Us Spend.
New series. Jacques Peretti
investigates the methods used to
persuade people to buy consumer
goods and confronts the men and
women behind bestselling
products and successful sales
strategies. In the first edition, he
examines how product lifespans
hold the key to consumerism and
explores the origins of planned
bosolescence, revealing how a
group of electrical manufacturers
organised a light-bulb cartel in the group of electrical manufacturers organised a light-bulb cartel in the 1920s. He asks a senior executive at a home furnishings store why his firm still encourages repeated discarding and purchasing, and talks to a former senior Apple employee about how the company's new focus on fashion keeps people buying even when technological innovation slows.

10.00 Film: The Shipping News. (2001) U Film: The Shipping News. (200 A small community helps a widower rebuild his family life when he and his daughter go to live with his estranged aunt. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore and Judi Dench

11.45 Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine presents highlights from the third round at Royal Aberdeen, where America's Phil Mickelson entered as the defending champion 12.45 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) 2.10

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate
Challenge. 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino
Dan. (R) 6.50 Camimals. (R) 7.00
Canimals. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.20
Digimon Fusion. (R) 7.45 Mr Bean: The
Animated Series. (R) 8.00 Adventure
Time. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend.
9.25 The Hungry Sallors. (R) 10.25
Murder. She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News;
Weather. 11.30 Storage Horarders. (R)
12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.30 Peter.
Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 2.30
The Nation's Favourite Motown Song.
(R) 4.00 Tipping Point. (R) 5.00 Films:
Scooby-Doo. (2002) Comedy adventure,
starring Sarah Michelle Gellar.
6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

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 6.45 ITV Mews; Weather.
 7.00 You've Been Framed! Surreal comedy from the mind of Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' home videos. Aled Jones auditions for Daybreak, while Chris Moyles and family have fun with a Taser. (R)

7.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Chat show host Jonathan Ross, champion boxer Carl Froch and Samantha Womack (EastEnders' Ronnie Mitchell) take turns on the token-pushing machine for charity. Ben Shephard presents.

8.30 FIFA World Cup Live 2014. Coverage of the third-place play-off (Kick-off 9.00pm), which is staged at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil. The two losing semi-finalists face each other to determine who finishes third and fourth, in a contest that will no doubt be overshadowed by the final, despite historically being on of the higher-scoring matches of each tournament. The each tournament. The corresponding fixture in 2010 was an entertaining affair, with Germany beating Uruguay 3-2 in a seesaw encounter that initially saw them go 1-0 up before the South Americans fought back to take a 2-1 lead early in the second half. Presented by Matt Smith, with

commentary by Sam Matterface and Clarke Carlisle. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

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11.15 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Film: Balls of Fury. (2007) The
pill results a washed-up former
pill results an underground tournament run
by a criminal mastermind.
Comedy, starring Dan Fogler and
Christopher Walken.

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1.05 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.30 FIM World Superbike Championship. 7.55 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.55 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The The Simpsons. (R) 10.30 The Simpsons. (R) 10.30 The Simpsons. (R) 15.30 The Simpsons. (R) 15.30

previous night's arguments. (R)

6.45 Channel 4 News.

The Restoration Man. George Clarke catches up with Simon
Hooper and partner Victoria, who
tried to convert a Grade I-listed
medieval hall into a unique home
in Cordiff (P)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud Grand Designs. Kevin Miccione meets artists Indi and Rebecca, who are planning to construct a modern, larch-clad home on the Isle of Skye, with a second hand-crafted building alongside to use as their studio, all on a tight budget of £150,000. They have pudget or £ 150,000. They have been saving for years, but making it happen will mean taking on the savage weather, not to mention the sceptical locals – and as if that weren't enough, most of the work is being done by one man, local builder Donald. (R)

9.00 Film: Knight and Day. (2010) A voman has a chance encounte woman has a chance encounter with a rogue secret agent, who has been framed as a traitor and is on the run from his own superiors. Realising she is in danger for knowing too much, he kidnaps her and drags her along on his desperate mission to clear his name. Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz.

11.15 The IT Crowd. Philip from the 11.15 The IT Crowd. Philip from the sixth floor asks Jen on a date – but Roy and Moss invite themselves along. Comedy, starring Katherine Parkinson, Chris O'Dowd and Richard Ayoade. (R) 11.50 The IT Crowd. Denholm's death spells trouble for Jen and Roy—until support appears in the form of a mysterious stranger, (B) 12.25 The IT Crowd. (R) 12.55 Film: Rushmore. (1998) 2.30 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.40 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.35 Kirstles Vintage Gems. (R) 5.40 The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 Access 10.05 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.30 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) 11.30 Big Brother: Eviction. (R) 12.55 NCIS. (R) 1.50 NCIS. (R) 2.45 NCIS. (R) 3.40 Film: Pork Knop Hill. (1959) Korean Wa drama, starring Gregory Peck. 5.40 Film: Fjother Attack. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Sterling Hayden

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights from the fourth day of the First Test of the five-match series from Trent Bridge in Nottingham. England were eventually bowled out for 544 in their second innings when the sides met here in 2011, leaving the tourists needing 478 runs to win. However. Tim Bresnan returned excellent figures of 5/48 as India were skittled out for just 158. Commentary and analysis by Geoffrey Boyott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Flughes.

7.55 5 News.
8.00 MH370: The Flight That
Vanished. Documentary
examining the theories and
speculation surrounding the fate
of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370,

of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which was lost during its scheduled journey from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing Airport on March 8. (R) 9.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants, who share their diseasons thoughts on their their diary-room thoughts on their recently departed friend – or

10.00 The Trial of Gillian Taylforth. Dramatic reconstruction based on transcripts and media coverage of the 1994 court case in which the former EastEnders star and her partner sued the Sun newspaper for libel.

for libel.

11.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.
The documentary examining the
lives of unemployed people visits
Hull, which has one of the highest
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average weekly wages in the UK.

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear 8.00 John Newman & Katy B @ T 9.00 Pharrell Williams & Rudimental @ T 10.00 Paolo Nutini @ T 11.30 Family Guy 1.45 American Dad! 2.30 Pramface 4.00 Close

BBC Four

7.00 Lost Land of the Tiger 8.00 The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Inspector Montalbano rassion 3.0u inspector Montaioano 10.55 Imagine – Jimi Hendrix: Hear My Train a Comin' 12.25 Guitar Heroes at the BBC 1.25 Top of the Pops: 1979 1.55 Lost Land of the Tiger 2.55 The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion 3.55 Close

17V2

12.10 I Wanna Marry "Harry" 1.10 The Only Way Is Essex 2.40 Film: Beethoven (1991) 4.25 100% You've Been Framed 5.25 You've Been Framed and Famous! 6.30 Film: Pearl Harbor (2001) Romantic drama, starring Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale. 10.40 Film: The Matrix Reloaded (2003) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugh Weaving. 12.40 The Magaliuf Weekender 1.40 Crazy Beaches 2.30 You've Been Framed! 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

12.45 Endeavour 1.00 Bomb Girls 1.50 Movies Now 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Movies Now 2 Teleshopping

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The Night Watch

(BBC2, 9pm) Based on the acclaimed novel by Tipping the Velvet author Sarah Waters, this one-off drama opens in 1947, when the main characters, along with the rest of the country, are trying to rebuild their lives, and then works backwards through the 1940s to see just what happened to them during the war years. We are introduced to Kay (Anna Maxwell Martin), who ceaselessly roams the streets as if haunted by some tragic loss. Meanwhile, Helen (Claire Foy) and Viv (Jodie Whittaker) run a marriage bureau but their own personal lives are less than perfect - Viv seems unable to break free from her married lover, and Helen is pursuing a tumultuous relationship with a woman named Julia (Anna Wilson-Jones).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Bbc. News; Weather. 15 Alan Hansen: Player and Pundit. (R) 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.13 nonnes under the Hammer. (R) 3.15 Wanted Down Under. (R) 4.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Countrylle. Matt Baker explores Whiteford Burrows sand dunes in Gower, south Wales, Adam Henson reveals the wonders of wool and cameraman Richard Taylor-Jones is on the lookout for fox cubs. Match of the Day Live. Coverage of the final at the Setzlic do.

Match of the By Live. Coverage of the final at the Estadio do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro (Kickoff 8.00pm), where the successors to 2010 champions Spain are crowned. This 20th staging of the tournament has been largely tournament has been largely lauded as a great success, with a glut of goals, attacking football and some of the leading players in the world bringing their club form to the international stage. While several of the leading European nations made early exits, including labs. Evaluation and the defortion. nations made early exits, including laly, England and the defending champions, the South American and CONCACA sides demonstrated their ability, leaving few clues as to which team could find the consistency required to life trophy. A number of shock results added to the excitement and unpredictability of the tournament, but there have been relatively few surprises in the showpiece match but there have been relatively tew surprises in the showpice match over the years, with the last one being France's victory over Brazil in 1998, and before that, arguably Italy's triumph against West Germany in 1982 following their solw start to that campaign. A European success remains unlikely, especially as all four stagings of the World Cup in South America have been won by sides from that continent, with the last one being Argentina on home soil in 1978. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent

10.30 BBC News: Regional News. 10.55 Live at the Apollo. Greg Davies hosts another session of stand-up at Hammersmith Apollo in west

programmes are subject to change

London, (R) 11.25 Film: Man of the Year. (2006) Comedy, with Robin Williams and Christopher Walken.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

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BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.20 Film: Tender Comrade. (1943) 8.00 Monty Don's French Gardenes. (R) 9.00 Gardeners' World. (R) 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 12.00 Rick Stein's Spain. (R) 1.00 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. Coverage of the fourth day at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. 5.20 Matural World: The Bat Man of Mexico. (R) 6.20 Fiog II People are invited to try to

Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R)

 Film: Shall We Dance? (2004) A

bored worksholle lawyer becomes fixated with a beautiful dance teacher and enrols in her class. When she flatly rejects his advances, he decides to concentrate on perfecting his flootwork – but keeps the new hobby a secret, making his wife wery suspicious shout the amount very suspicious about the amount of time he is spending away from home. Romantic comedy, starring Richard Gere.

The Night Watch. One-off drama adapted from the best-selling novel by Sarah Waters following the love affairs of four Londoners the love affairs of four Londoners through three periods of the 1940s. Kay roams the streets, haunted by a traumatic personal loss, while Helen and Viv run a marriage bureau, helping people rebuild their shattered lives by finding love – but their own complicated relationships are less easy to solve. Meanwhile, Duncan's fradile existence is easy to solve. Meanwhile,
Duncan's fragile existence is
threatened when a face from his
past reappears. Anna Maxwell
Martin, Claire Foy, Jodie Whittaker
and Harry Treadaway star. (R)
10.30 Mock the Week. Josh
Widdicombe, Gary Delaney and
Tiffany Stevenson are among the
guests joining regular panellists
Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons
on the tonical comerby, quir (R)

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11.00 QIXL. Extended edition. Victoria
Coren Mitchell, Sue Perkins and
the Rev Richard Coles join Alan
Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a
range of unusual questions about
knights and knaves. (R)

11.45 Golf: Scottish Open. Hazel Irvine
presents action from the fourth

presents action from the fourth and final round at Royal Aberdeen, where Phil Mickelson entered as the defending champion.

1.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.45 Holby City, (R) 2.45 Match of the Day: FIFA World Cup Replay. 4.30 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate
Challenge. 6.25 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 Dino
Dan. (R) 6.50 Caminals. (R) 7.00
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Animated Series. (R) 8.00 Deadtime
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Tiv News: Weather. 11.30 Lova Your
Garden. 12.25 Long Lost Family. (R)
1.30 Film: Columbo: Strange
Bedfellows. (1995) Crime drama,
starring Peter Falk and Rod Stejer. 3.30
Midsomer Murders. (R) 3.30 Regional
Programme: Weather.5.45 ITV News;

6.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)

7.00 FIFA WINT SOURCE, (T)
Coverage of the final at the Estadio
do Maracana in Rio de Janeiro
(Kick-off 8.00pm), where the
successors to 2010 champions
Spain are crowned. The Spaniards
needed extra time to overcome the
Metherlands in a tempestious needde extra time to overcome the Wetherlands in a tempestuous affair four years ago in South Africa, with Andres Iniesta striking after John Heitinga had been sent off for the losing side. However, Spain were unable to successfully defend their title this time around, losing 5-1 to the Dutch in their opening contest, before a further defeat against Chile sealed their fale iust two agmes into their fale iust two agmes into their deteat against offine Seated their fate just two games into their tournament. Argentina and Brazil began their campaigns among the favourites and they will know history is on their side if either have qualified for this encounter, as a team from South America has precialed aways time the continent. as a team from South America has prevailed every time the continent has hosted a World Cup. In the event of extra-time and penalties, subsequent programmes are subject to change.

10.45 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever.
Paddy McGuinness presents this
one-off programme guiding
viewers through 30 years of
incredible, bizarre, spectacular
and much-loved football

commercials, (R) 11.45 The Cube. Phillip Schofield hosts.

12.40 The Store. 2.55 Motorsport UK. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 4.15 May the Best House Win. (R) 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Ironman 2014. 6.30 Ironman 2014.
7.00 Cholmondeley Pageant of Power.
7.30 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody R) 8.30 Everybody R) 8.30 Everybody R) 8.30 Everybody R

6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Film: Titanic. (1997) A party of Film: Titanic. (1997) A party of explorers studying the sunken remains of the famous liner mets an elderly woman who was a passenger on the ill-fated maiden voyage. She recounts how she boarded the ship while on the brink of being forced into marriage by her family, and was stopped from killing herself by a penniless artist. She fell in love with her saviour, but the disaster on the horizon meant their time together was doomed to be short. James was doomed to be short. James Cameron's Oscar-winning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates and Bill Paxton. Edited for language and nudity

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10.45 Film: The Running Man. (1987) A convict takes part in a brutal TV game show in which he is hunted by a series of gadget-wielding killers. Sol-li action adventure, with Arnoid Schwarzenegger and Richard Dawson.

12.40 The Million Pound Drop. Davina McCall returns with the 13th series of the quiz, featuring themed editions and celebrity contestants. Tonight, Stephen and Chris from Gogglebox play for charly, (R) 1.35 Film: A Prophet. (2009) A crook is sent to a French prison

charty, (1), 1.36 Haim: A Propinet. (2009) A crook is sent to a French prison dominated by rival Corsican and Muslim agnays, where he forms his own crime syndicate. Crime drama, starring Talar Rahim and Nilek Arestrup. 4.05 Home Road Movies. (R) 4.20 River Cottage Veg Herces. Hugh Fareniley-Whittingstall cooks a stir fry at Bramble Farm in Bristol. He also prepares notate and carred saled. cooks a stir[†]fry at Bramble Farm in Bristol. He also prepares potato and carrot salad, as well as exotic tarts made using beetroot and samphire. (R) 4.50 Beat My Build. Two sets of property developers compete to make the most profit renovating flats. The first crew transforms a unit in London, while the second treats another on the south coast. (R) 5.45 Deal or No Deal. Players try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes, and could double their winnings with box 23 – if they are brave enough to buy it with what they have won. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies (R) 6.35 Flw M Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chioe's Closet. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Olly the Little White Van. (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 City of Friends. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.30 Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) 8.35 Bert and Friel's Great Adventures. (R) 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Lelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 Lazy Town. (R) 10.00 Access. (R) 10.55 Widt's Scariest Near Misses. (R) 10.55 Big Brother. (R) 11.55 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.55 Fillm: See No Evil, Hear No Evil. (1989) 2.45 Film: Stand By Me. (1986) 4.20 Film: Click. (2006)

(2006)
6.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera.
Journalist Nick Wallis joins police
forces around the nation to
discover how CCTV and
technological advances are
helping to bring criminals to
justice. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the fifth day of the First Test of the five-match series from Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

7 55 5 News Weekend

The Boy They Call Fish. The story of a Vietnamese teenager who has a rare condition that gives him scaly, fish-like skin, and his unlikely friendship with the Essex grandmother devoted to helping

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus

10.00 Webcam Girls: At Your Service.
Women who work in the online
adult entertainment industry. (R)

10.50 Film: Step Brothers. (2008) Two 40-year-old men who have never left the family home are forced to share a room when their single parents marry each other. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell.

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12.45 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.
1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Police
Interceptors. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 The Funky
Valley Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R)
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Good News 2.00 Stacey Dooley in the
USA: Homeless in Detroit 3.00 Slum
Survivors 4.00 Close

7.00 Natural World 8.00 Ford's 7.00 Natural World 8.00 Ford's Dagenham Dream 9.00 A Century in Film: From Scotland with Love 10.15 The Sky at Night 10.45 Film: Everlasting Moments (2008) 12.30 Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned 1.30 More Dangerous Songs: And the Banned Played On 2.30 Ford's Dagenham Dream 3.30 Decisive Weapons 4.00 Close

1.00 America's Got Talent 3.40 You've Been Framed! 4.10 Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) 6.00 Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) 7.45 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.50 Film: The Martix Revolutions (2003) 1.20 TV 0D 1.45 You've Been Framed and Framed 1.32 Fift Services

Framed and Famous! 2.35 Life's Funniest Moments 3.00 Teleshopping

11.25 A Touch of Frost 1.30 Wycliffe 11.25 A TOUCH OF FOST 1.30 WYCHIRE 2.45 Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) 4.40 Inspector Morse 7.00 Endeavour 1.00 Wycliffe 1.55 William and Mary 2.45 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.15

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12.00 Duck Dynasty 1.00 Tour de France Highlights 2.00 Tour de France Live. Highlights 2.00 Tour de France Live. Stage nine from Gerardmer to Mulhouse. 5.00 Storage Wars 6.00 Goodwood Festival of Speed 7.00 Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Storage Wars 9.00 Film: Doom (2005) 11.05 Film: The Wicker Man (1973) 1.00 Tour de France Highlights 2.00 Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club 2.30 Police, Camera, Action's 3.00 Teleshopping 3.30 The Store 5.30 Teleshopping

12.30 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The 100 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Hairspray (2007) 10.15 The Big Bang Theory 11.20 Rude Tube 12.25 The Mindy Project 12.50 How I Met Your Mother 1.25 Rules of Engagement 2.15 The Ricky Gervais Show 3.35 Hollyoaks

11.00 The Admirable Crichton (1957) 1.00 Planet of the Apes (1968) 3.15 Avatar (2009) 6.35 Star Trek (2009) 9.00 X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) 11.05 The Final Destination (2009) 12.40 Vanilla

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Film Choices

Assumed Killer, Channel 5, 3.15pm

car crash and loses her memory. She begins to suspect that her own husband may be the murderer, and tries to piece together the events of the crash that she has forgotten. Thriller, starring Barbie Castro. (2013)

Tuesday
Escape from Polygamy, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A widowed mother joins a religious cult and goes to live in their remote compound, where her teenage daughter falls in love with the son of the group's leader. When the preacher demands that the girl marry him, the two youngsters plan to escape together. Drama, starring Haley Lu Richardson, Jack Falahee and Mary McCormack, (2013)

North West Frontier, BBC2, 1.10pm

A British officer saves an Indian prince from an uprising and tries to escort him and the boy's nanny to safety on board a dilapidated train. However, his mission is jeopardised when it becomes clear there is a traitor on board, leading to a deadly game of cat and mouse



American Pie, ITV, 10.40pm

Four teenage boys make a solemn pact to lose their virginity before the high-school prom, and though their antics cause them huge embarrassment and public humiliation, the friends also learn about love and

affection in their relations with the opposite sex.
Coming-of-age comedy, starring Jason Biggs, Shannon
Elizabeth, Chris Klein, Alyson Hannigan, Mena Suvari, Seann William Scott and Eugene Levy. (1999)

The Nightmare Nanny, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman reluctantly hires a live-in nanny to look after her three-year-old daughter so she can return to work, but fears the child is growing closer to her minder than her mother. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott and Mekenna

Friday What Happens in Vegas, Channel 4, 12.05am

Two strangers accidentally booked into the same hotel room in Las Vegas spend a night on the town together. After a wild and drunken time in the casinos, they wake up to find they are now a married couple, and later win \$3million which they both have a claim to – leading to a battle of wits over who keeps the money. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher. (2008)

The new champions are finally crowned

ho's it between? Well, not the teams featuring in the BBC v TrV Both channels will be broadcasting the showpiece match, which takes place at the famous Estadio do Marcanan in Rio de Janeiro and kicks off at 8pm, but which company will come out on top in the ratings?

top in the ratings?

The smart money is on the Beeb.
After all, they have silver fox Gary
Lineker at the helm, whose still
boyish good looks, despite the fact
he's in his fiftes, will appeal to the
non-football-loving ladies in the
audience, while fans will simply
enjoy his knowledge of the game.

The BBC also have some excellent pundits alongside him, and we're hoping that Danny Murphy rather than Mark Lawrenson gets the co-commentator's spot.

The former Liverpool and Fulham star has been a revelation in this position – he's as interesting as poor old Phil Neville was dull during his first go at it during England's opening tie against Italy.

Not that ITV are the poor relations. Adrian Chiles does a decent job as their anchorman, while the likes of Gordon Strach Patrick Viera and Lee Dixon hav plenty to say for themselves.

Sadly, Fabio Cannavaro often looks like a rabbit caught in the headlights – he's charming, but perhaps needs a few more English lessons.

Also, it would be nice if his co-stars allowed him to get a word nedgeways every now and then.

The World Cup itself has been one of the best in recent memory. From the start, teams generally threw caution to the wind, opting to attack rather than sit back and defend, which led to some thrillingly open games.

open games.

Teams such as Chille, Costa Rica and Algeria surprised many by getting further than anyone (including probably themselves) thought possible, while the likes of Italy, holders Spain and, yes, England, fell by the wayside early.

Even the USA, a nation that for so long didn't seem to be able to get its

head around the game they call soccer, finally appeared to embrace it, and the team only bowed out during the round of 16 after one of the most enthralling matches so far, which saw goalkeeper Tim Howard make a record-breaking 15 saves before Belgium beat them 2-1.

Pick of the Week

After watching so many great matches, we have high hopes fo this year's final.

It surely can't be dirtier and more disappointing than the 2010 one anyway, when Spain scored in extra time to win 1-0 against a Netherlands team that was uncharacteristically dirty throughout the game.

Referee Howard Webb sent off one player and handed out 14 bookings that afternoon in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg. Who will actually lift the famous trophy is a mystery – there have been too many upsets and surprises so far to tempt us into guessing. What we do know is that it won't be anybody from the British sless. Maybe our time will come in Russia in 2018, en?



Gary Lineker, Match of the Day Live, Sunday, BBC1, 7pm

Best of the Rest

Long Lost Family ITV, 9pm

Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell are back with a new run of a series which has proved amazingly opular. Although each episode features different eople, their stories are often similar and the outcome - a tearful reunion - is the upshot of the esearch team's hard work. So, make sure you have plenty of tissues handy as we meet 63-year-old Ann Munro from Hampshire, who desperately wants a chance to tell her son why she gave him way when she was 21, and to ask for his forgiveness. There's also a chance to find out how Louise Kendall, a 28-year-old nurse from Bradford, gets on when she tracks down the French father she's never met.

Utopia

Channel 4, 10pm

The first series, broadcast in 2012, was a massive success, so we're expecting big things from this follow-up. It takes us back to 1979 and introduces us to Philip Carvel, a scientific genius who meets Milner, boss of powerful shadowy organisation The Network, at a secret forum involving boffins from various walks of life. They get on like a house on fire, and she encourages him to create Janus, a way of sterilising 95 per cent of the world's people which, she claims, will solve the world's people which, she claims, will solve the world's overpopulation problem. But as time goes by, Carvel questions the project, particularly how it will affect his own children, in particular his beloved daughter Jessica. Tom Burke, Rose Leslie, Ed Birch, Anca Androne and Kevin Trainor star.

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Tuesday Hive Alive

Part one of two. Naturalist and Springwatch presenter Chris Packham and journalist and beekeeping enthusiast Martha Kearney are joined by expert Professor Adam Hart to explore the remarkable secrets of the lives and habits of bees Midsummer is a critical time for the insects as they must gather enough food for the winter, so a specially designed hive equipped with an array of cutting-edge technology is used in order to monitor them and find out how they do it.

BBC2, 9pm

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Following their recent Australian version, now the Coast team are back for a fresh run. They will be exploring more dramatic areas, telling stories, investigating notable landmarks and exploring mysteries that have played an important role in the coastal regions' development. In this first episode, the Coast crew explores the English Channel. Nick Crane experiences the secret life of Mont St Michel, a rocky outcrop which attracts over a million tourists a year. Mark Horton reveals how French mapmakers accidentally gave birth to Britain's Ordnance Survey some two centuries ago. And a few weeks after the world remembered the fallen, the team discover a poignant memorial to those who lost their lives during the D-Day campaign. The Hotel Inspector Returns, Wednesday Channel 5, 9pm

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Channel 5, 9pm

Alex Polizzi returns to the White Hart in St Albans, hertfordshire, a reputedly haunted 15th-century hotel run by husband-and-wife Ross and Jayne McBeath, who had taken the ghoulish inspiration to extremes with novelty plastic skeletons and a horror-themed menu. Alex suggested that the proprietors drop the ghost tours and concentrate on the rich history of the building and surrounding area. Two years on, will she find a successful business - or will it be dead and buried?

Channel 4, 10pm

Return of the comedy about a talented impressionist who's stuck in a rut. Since leaving his maintenance job for a big break on TV, things haven't quite gone to plan for Martin and he's having trouble finding work. As his son Steven decides to go travelling - unable to cope after the death of his mother - Martin hires Neil as his new agent. However, his first gig is not exactly what he had been hoping for busking at a shopping

centre. Terry Mynott stars.

Thursday Talk to the Animals BBC1, 8pm

Lucy Cooke concludes her global exploration into the world of animal 'speak', focusing on how they talk to friends and enemies and even what they say to their neighbours. The zoologist discovers the many uses of the spotted hyena's call, tricks some vervet monkeys into warning each other of danger and finds out that dolphins not only greet one another, they also have unique signatures.

Friday The Village That's Falling Into the Sea BBC1, 7.30pm

On December 5th last year the Norfolk seaside resort of Hemsby was devastated by the worst storm surge the east coast had seen in 60 years. It resulted in three homes being swept into the sea and another four getting unthinkably damaged. However, this wasn't the first time the village had experienced such loss – their coastline is slowly being eroded at a cost of almost 70 properties over the past few decades. In this one-off programme, presenter David Whiteley meets the residents.

BBC Proms 2014

The 120th season of the classical music festival gets under way at London's Royal Albert Hall as Katie Derham introduces a performance of Elgar's biblical oratorio The Kingdom, a portrayal of the acts of the disciples after the ascension of Jesus. Andrew Davis conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the BBC National Chorus of Wales.

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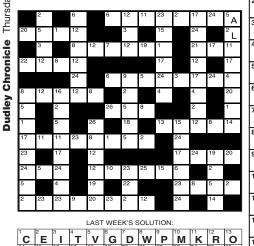
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- 7 Sailor not quite finished on top (5)
- 8. She's not herself when working (7)
- 9. It's lace made for use in many under garments (7)
- 10. Audibly permitted (5)
- 12. It may be a tiny girl's reason for not singing (10)
- 15 Toast? Well we enjoy it! (4,6)
- 18. Part of Munich expressly designed for a statue (5)
- 19. A topic that's new about a pudding (7)
- 21. We prefer to be so (7)
- 22. Ocean-designed craft? Hardly (5)

Down

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

- 1. One keeps dry on it (5-5)
- 2. Not qualified to sum
- up (5) 3. A number set about a religious group (4)
- 4. Is such a tune easily picked up? (6)
- 5. Yet a crooked dealer may deal himself one! (8)
- 6. Answers which may be dispensed with (7)
- 11. Specified an intention on the wrong date (10)
- 13. Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)
- 14. Firm interest (7)
- 16. He savagely attacked Roman civilisation (6)
- 17. Bandaged an injury? (5)
- 20. Quietly act on an agreement (4)

Quick Clues:

- 7. Illustrious (5)
- 8. Raging (7)
- 9. Compel (7)
- 10. Remove faults (5)
- 12. Communicable (10)
- 15. Unlikely (10)
- 18. Decree (5)
- 19. Limit (7)
- 21. Quake (7) 22. Suffering (5)

- 1. Not precise (10)
- 2. Astern (5)
- 3. Prophet (4)
- 4. Feeble (6)
- 5. Eastern (8) **6.** Ennui (7)
- 11. Confused (10)
- 13. Mid-day (8)
- 14. Best (7)
- 16. Harmony (6)
- 17 Inflexible (5) 20. Remark (4)

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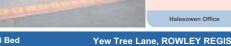


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Woodbank Road, Brownswall Estate An attractive conscientiously maintained significantly improved FREEHOLD gas centrally heated and uPVC Semi Detached in favoured district Accommodation briefly includes hallway, 19ft through living/dining room, uPVC conservatory, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom lengthy 22'2" garage, superb gardens, distance views. No upward chain EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £141,950

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Gospel End Street

QUARRY BANK



Woodland Avenue

This traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed (where specified), gas centrally heated, THREE BEDROOM END TERRACED property is situated in an established residential location, situated in an established residential location, and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, Garage, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£114.950

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Braemar Close, Northway

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A uPVC double glazed & part gas centrally heated (not tested) intermediate "starter home" set in cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, kitchen, 'L' shape 18'1" dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroo Gardens. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Price: £114.950

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Purlin Wharf

A superb two bedroomed flat situated on this delightful canal side development, having double glazing and storage heating. Internal accommodation comprises of: Reception hall. spacious lounge, superb kitchen, two bedrooms, master with en suite shower room, attractive nouse bathroom, allocated parking and delightful communal grounds. EPC rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£112.950

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A rare opportunity to purchase an individual building plot within a desirable address which has planning approval (Application number: P14/0615) for the construction of a SUBSTANTIAL 4 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE with GARAGE. A superb position with pleasant elevated views. Further details are available from the Kingswinford office 01384 401777. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED IN WRITING TO AGENTS BEFORE 4TH AUGUST 2014.

Offers in the Region Of £110,000

Brierley Hill



Woodbury Close

This traditional style, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is heated, three bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established cul de sac convenient for local amenities, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining kitchen, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms (with en suite bath to master), paved frontage, and a lengthy, well stocked rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£109,950

PENSNETT



Church Street

Church Street

Enjoying a position within this renowned address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is recommended for viewing, affording an excellent layout with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Undoubtedly a home to suit FIRST TIME BUYERS and in more detail, and the suit FIRST TIME BUYERS and in more detail, attractive sitting room, pleasant dining room, well fitted modern kitchen, landing, two first floor bedrooms, family bathroom and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£97,950

NETHERTON



Cinder Bank

A deceptively good size three bedroom terrac having double glazing and gas central heating comprising of Living Room, Lobby, Dining Room Cellar, Vestibule, Re-fitted kitchen, First floor landing, Bathroom, Three bedrooms, rear garder and Garage to rear (solicitors to confirm access) NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. CONTACT BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950

Penzer Street

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Southall Crescent

Southall Crescent

CONSTRUCTED IN 2008 (and covered by balance of NHBC), a particularly SPACIOUS, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted detached set at head of lengthy block paved private driveway & comprising cancey porch, imposing 17th lounge with patic doors through to UPVC double glazed/brick CONSERVATORY, well equipped kitchen with fine range of units & a utility room. THE titled with the work of the conservation of th with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage extensive block paved parking, delightful gardens EPC Rating: C SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £230,000

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Sandvfields Road



A substantial, double fronted, gas centrally heated & Upvc double glazed set in extensive grounds ("drive through" double garage accessing numerous outbuildings beyond) initially constructed in the 1930's to an exacting specification with many fine period features and subsequently enhanced by present vendors. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (8'9" ceiling height), sitting room with bay, 18'3' through inving room with patic doors through to a conservatory, breakfast kitchen, utility room, walk-in pantry, lobby, freezer room, separate toilet. Central gallery landing, three bedrooms, bathroom. 29'6" through garage, extensive sheltered secluded rear garden with extensive stores/summer house/further garage & wine store. TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £325,000

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A BRAND NEW DETACHED FAMILY HOME with FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, within walking distance of village centre and schools, offering VERY HIGH SPECIFICATION accommodation, all BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and other energy efficient features, comprising: Reception Hall with luxury Guests Cloakroom/WC off, impressive large Lounge with fireplace and double doors to the separate formal Dining Room, luxury fitted Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, the Master having a BEAUTIFUL EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM, and SPACIOUS LUXURY HOUSE BATHROOM. LABC Warranty, BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with lawns alongside, GARAGE and good sized 'sunny' rear garden. Reserve now for choice of quality fittings. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£285.000

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Southall Crescent

A particularly spaciouimproved & EXTENDED, gas co.
double glazed detached bungalow in
convenient for so many amenities. Accomincludes entrance porch, imposing reception hall
convenient suitable particular and space property of the proof of the particular and the proof of the particular and the

Wombourne



Planks Lane



£10,000 REDUCTION / OPEN VIEW Sat 12th July 12.30-2.30

A HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL & LARGE DETACHED 'PERIOD' COTTAGE, well placed within the heart of Wombourne village, offering a GENEROUS layout of three-storey accommodation, all VERY WELL PRESENTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge with bay and open fireplace, separate Dining Room, large Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (loft bedroom with En-Suite WC) and large Bathroom. GENEROUS DRIVEWAY, lawned side garden and attractively landscaped 'cottage' style front garden. EPC Rating: F. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£229.950

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Field Sidings Way

Field Sidings Way
This ALMOST BRAND NEW DETACHED FAMILY
HOUSE is the 'HAYFORD' by Taylor Wimpey, ALL
SOLD OUT on 'HIMLEY VIEW and is READY TO
MOVE IN, offering a superb layout with: Hall with
Cloaks/foliet off, SPACIOUS 16' LOUNGE/DINING
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£209.950

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Summit Place

Summit Place

An attractive, tremendously enhanced, improved & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent comb boilen) & uPVC double glazed detached family home with ample parking. Occupying a fine corner plot on periphery of village with tremendous views, the accommodation includes lounge with bay, separated dining room with patio doors, store, refitted kitchen with range of maple effect finish units and various integrated appliances. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with wardrobes), respeptivel bathroom with contemporary white suite, garage, delightful g EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

LOWER GORNAL



Flavells Lane

EXCEPTIONALLY FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION - a distinctive & highly individual, Freehold, gas centrally heated (recent replacement boiler), and uPVC double glazed detached "chalet" style family home. The extremely versatile accommodation comprises; entrance porch, inner hallway, 16*10" lounge, sitting room upgraded shower room (former bathroom), separate foliet, rear porch. To the first floor are two double bedrooms, and a "walk-in" eaves storage space. Externally there is extensive brick block pawed parking to front, lengthy 27°6" double car port, delightful secluded/well stocked rear garden with a wide range of established shubs & plants.EFC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1992 800885

Offers in the region of £189,950

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Coppice Close, Brownswall Estate

Coppice Close, Brownswall Estate
NO UPWARD CHAIN. An exceptionally stylish,
EXTENDED & ENLARGED, Freehold, gas centrally
heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached that has
been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years
set in favoured cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes;
extended to the commodation of the comm

Offers in the region of £184,950

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Malthouse Drive

lish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPV0 hed that has been tremendously enhance cation by present vendors occupying a fin ar district. The tremendous accommodation corner plot in popular district. The tremendous accommodation includes; entrance hallway, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, lounge (with oak strip floor), dining room, and double doors drough to a IPVC double glazed CONSENVATORY, upgraded with the control of the co

WAS £175,000, NOW £169,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park
A SIGNIFICANTLY ENLARGED freehold gas
centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
semi detached that has been conscientiously
maintained over the years, but now requires
some sympathetic updating. Excellently situated
upon favoured development accommodation
includes entrance porch, reception hall, store,
sitting room with bay, living room, enlarged
kitchen, time electrooms (psshillites enlarging)
kitchen, time electrooms (psshillites enlarging)
lengthy garage; to block paved driveways and
good sized secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D.
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Offers in the region of £155,000

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South View Road, Northway

South View Road, Northway
An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold,
gas centrally heated (recent boller) & either IPVC
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gas the stand with
TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/
convenient district. Accommodation includes
entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6"
through living/dining room, extended L-shape
'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby.
Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with
mezzanine -style' decking providing extensive
garden. EPC Retaing
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Offers in the region of £153,000

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Mount Pleasant Street

Mount Pleasant Street
A TREMENDOUSLY modernised and upgraded
FREEHOLD gas centrally heated (combi boiler)
and uPVC double glazed semi detached that
has been transformed in recent years; the
enlarged accommodation includes entrance
porch, reception hall, thorough living/dining
room (formerly separate rooms) extended/
refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of
units, glazed lobby, separate tolet; 3 bedrooms
(one with fitted units) reappointed bathroom with
stylisis white sulte LARGE GARAGE sectuded rear
green EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902
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WAS £146,250, NOW FIXED PRICE OF £139,950

COSFLEY



The Paddock

Realistically priced, Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated in favourec district with views over cricket ground. The accommodation has significant potential, and accommodation has significant potential, and comprises; enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

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Beaumaris Close

Beaumaris Close
An exceptionally stylish, tremendously upgraded, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years envisibly situated at head of short cut-de-sac envisibly situated at head of short cut-de-sac envisible structured to the structure of the commodation includes; lounge, store, refittled dining kitchen with a fine range of like a abstract black finish units & various integrated appliances. Two double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite/citrome detailing. Off road parking its process of the combination of the combinatio

Offers in the region of £133,950

LOWER GORNAL



Lawnswood Road, Thornleigh

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential excellently situated at head of cul-de-sac with larger than average garden and good distant views. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, enlarged kitchen, L shape living/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, shortened garage, extensive block paved front garden, wide secluded rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,000

HAI FSOWEN



Olive Lane

A three bedroomed end of terrace home situated on this established road having double glazing and gas central heating comprising of a Porch with store cupboard, An L-shaped open plan living diner having a defined kitchen area. First floor landing, Three bedrooms, Bathroom Lawned frontage and Rear garage (solicitors to confirm access). EPC Rating D. Halesowen Office.

OFFERS AROUND £129,950

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Oakham Road

This most impressive, uPVC Double Glazed, warm air heated. THREFOUR BEDROOM END TOWNHOUSE provides truly versatile family living space over FOUR FLOORS, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Dining / Sitting Room / Bedroom Four, Lower Ground Floor Garden Room. First Floor Lounge, Kitchen, Batharoom, THREE GOOD BARKING, SPACES and a beautiful strength of the property of the strength of the st impressive, uPVC Double Glazed, eated, THREE/FOUR BEDROOM END

£124,950

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Bath Street

Bath Street
This traditional style, bay fronted, uPVC double
glazed (vast majority of units) gas centrally
heated, three bedroom semi detached family
home is situated in an established residential
location, and is available with no upward chain,
accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance hall,
Lounge, Dining room, Enlarged Kitchen, Three
good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite,
lengthy Driveway, Large Garage and a lawned
rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE
01902 880888 good Bedro lengthy Driv rear garden. 01902 88088

WAS £129.950. NOW £124.950

UPPER GORNAL



Greenhill Road

Greenhill Road

A spacious, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed, semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors to a superb specification in recent years. Accommodation includes; reception hall, through 21' living/dining room (with double doors out to garden), refitted breakfast kitchen, rear vestibule, utility room, toilet. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. Potential garage (kerb not dropped) good sized secluded rear garden. EPC Rating:C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £128.000. NOW Offers in excess of £123.000

WOODSETTON



Bosworth Close

A realistically priced, comparatively spacious gas radiator centrally heated, and primarily uPVC double glazed end "family home" with potential. Only rarely on sale in this popular area the accommodation includes; good sized living room, store, dining kitchen, lobby, separate toilet. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Garden, GARAGE (access from rear). EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £113,950

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Linfield Gardens, Northway

REMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A three pedroom semi detached at head of cul-de sac upon favoured development requiring full renovation but offering tremendous potential Accommodation includes; hall, kitchen, living dining room, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy drive, former garage, garden. Short Lease. EPC Bating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 WAS £119.950. NOW offers in the region of £110.000 PENSNETT



Chelmar Drive

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may appeal to both first time buyers or young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest w.c, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lawned gardens, and gated parking to rear. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384265265

£99.950

COSELEY



Hinchliffe Avenue

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, and double glazed (part uPVC/part aluminum casements) semi detached with rare advantage of additional gated side space offering potential. Accommodation includes; hall, storage cupboard, refitted kitchen, extended 18'8" living/dining room, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, Garage, parking, garden, EPC Rating D SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

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Claremont Cottages, Bilston Street

An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, exceptionally well presented & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, uPVC Double glazed intermediate bungalow within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities. Sedgiey's Bull niling & all associated armenites. Super'b accommodation provides; reception hall, cloaks cupboard, double bedroom, kitchen, reappointed & retiled shower room with stylish white contemporary suite, transverse living/dining room, Delightful gardens, parking. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £93,950

Brierlev Hill



Orchard Street

This traditional style uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, TWO BEDROOM Semi-Detached home is situated in an established residential location and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest WC, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, and a good size rear Garden EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£79.950

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Stourbridge Road

This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM mid Terrace may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Wet Room TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and Real Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£77.950

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Tansey Court, Birds Meadow

Tansey Court, Birds Meadow
This SPACIOUS MODERN FIRST FLOOR FLAT
enjoys a pleasant location within this enclosed
to pleasant location within this enclosed
the village amentiles, and offers a 'self contained'
layout with Own ground floor reception hall, first
floor Hall, SPLENDID 16'6" LOUNGE, REFITTED
KITCHEN, GENEROUS 16'6" BEDROOM,
Bathroom, recent uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and
part Night store heating, Front FORECOURT
GARDENS with TREES SURROUNDING. EPC
Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384
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£64.950

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CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED DETACHEDIBILILLI A three bedroom estended bay fronted detached property comprising to ground floor entronce hollway, front 8 estended rear living rooms, study, estended kirchen/diner, estended gomes room, ground floor dookroom, utility room, garage, landing, three bedrooms 8 bathroom. Externally hoving block proved driveway & mature rear garden. EPC RATING AWAITED

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GLENEAGLES DRIVE

A TWO EDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW HAVING DESIRABLE LOCATION AND DRIVEWAY (LADING TO THE CARACE. We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed debarded bungdlow comprising of entrance hall, cloakroom/wc, burge, kitchen, breakfast area, inner hallway, who bedroom, conservatory and bethroom. Externally there is a rear garden, driveway and garage. EPC Rating Is Grade D. £219,950

£180,000 DUDLEY © 01384 455000

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FAIRVIEW ROAD

FAIRVIEW (NOAD)

A WELL PRESENTED BUT PROVIDED PETA/PED HAVING CORNER PLOTITION
We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glozzed detached
properly occupying a corner plot, his well presented but printed modificate
properly comprises to the groundfloor of entronce hallway, lungue, diving room,
conservatory, little kilchen, landing, three bedrooms and frushy bothmoran (we.
Externally there is a block powed driveway to the front, mature near garden. EPC. E DUDLEY @ 01384 455000



DINGLE CLOSE

BAY FRONIED SMID ETACHER PROPERTY HAVING GARAGE & DESIRABLE AREA. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated bay fronted three bedroon semi detached properly compressing b he groundfloor of ne netronce pote, returnous below, but reception comon, lichten, utility room and garage. In the first Boot three bedroons and bothroom. Externally there is driveway porting and endosed erez grades. EPC Radings Awaited

£159,950

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VICARAGE ROAD

We are pleased to market this well presented semi detached bungalow comprising of entrance hallway, two bedrooms, shower room, rear lounge and kitchen. Externally there is driveway parking, rear garden and garage. EPC Rating Is Grade D

£149,950

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OAKHAM



OAKHAM DRIVE

WELL PRESENTED BAY FRONTED SEM DETACHED. Your Move are pleased to market this double glazed & centrally heated bay fronted property comprising to ground floor - entrance hallows, lounge, rear fitted stather, diring area, to the first floor refitted bothroom & three bedrooms, the main bedroom howing range of fitted wordrobes. Externally he property enjoys patio & lowed reor garden whilst to the front howing driveway parking. EPC floting awaited.

£145.000

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LAMBERT FOLD

We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed modern detached property having a culdes-ace location and comprising vestibule, localeroom/wc, fitted kitchen, lounge/dining room, first floor landing, two bedrooms and a bothroom. Externally there is a driveway and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating Is Grade E

£120,000

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DENBIGH CLOSE

A modern semi detached residence approached via driveway parking leading to carport & the property that comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchey/diner, landing, two bedrooms & house bathroom. Other features include gas central heating system & double glazing where stated, viewing on the property is recommended by the agent. EPC rating D

£118,500 DUDLEY © 01384 455000

OLBDURY



BRISTAM CLOSE

GOOD LINKS TO THE MOTORWAY!!!!!!!! A modern style two bedroom semi detached occupying a cul-de-sac position & comprises to the ground floor lounge, fitted kitchen diner, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. To the outside having driveway parking & enclosed rear garden. EPC - C

£118,000

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ST MARKS ROAD

THREE BEDROOM IMPROVED END TOWNHOUSE!! A gas centrally heated & double glazed end townhouse having cut-de-suc location, parking is provided to the front leading to the property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, landing, fitree bedrooms (bedroom 1 howing fitted wardrobes) & a refitted bethroom. To the raar the decked & gravelled rear garden is low maintenance. EPC-C

£117.500

BLACKBERRY LANE



ROWLEY REGIS

£110,000

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UPLANDS ROAD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN. A double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached property having entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, utility room, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally having rear garden. EPC RATING AWAITED

£95,000

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UPPER GORNAL



VALLEY ROAD

●EPC Rating D●An Extended Semi Detached Property●Two Bedrooms●Loft Room Used As Bedroom Three® Lounge®(Fichen® Ground Floor Cloakroom ®Extended Utility/Games Room To Ground Floor®Dobble Glazing Where Stated®Gas Central Heating System®Rear Garden

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BEDDOW AVENUE

Double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached comprising to ground floor entrance hall, two living rooms, kitchen, utility room, to the first floor landing, three rear garden mainly laid to lawn. EPC rating D bedrooms & bathroom. Externally having parking to front &



BIRD STREET

£75,000





HIGHLAND ROAD

●●SPACIOUS●● Your-Move are pleased to one in-large one bedroom ground floor apartment close to Dudley town centre. Benefiting from lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom aswell as driveway and rear



EPC - D. A Lovely two bedroom property located in close proximity of Dudley town & comprises lounge, large kitchen diner, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is parking provided to the rear of the property.

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GREEN PARK ROAD

●EPC - E **£475 PM** DUDLEY © 01384 455000



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HAWKESLEY ROAD well presented 2 bedroom property in Dudley, within asy reach of Russells Hall Hospital as well as Dudley town centre. Comprising of through lounge, fitted

to front.AVAILABLE JULY EPC - D

\$495 P/M DUDLEY © 01384 455000



CARNEGIE AVENUE

END TOWNHOUSE HAVING GALLERY BEDROOM & AATHROOM. A gas centrally heated & double glazed and townhouse comprising open plan lounge/kitchen, gallery landing, bathroom & bedroom. Externally gallery landing, bathroom & bedroom. Externally having drive & garage. EPC rating E

£425 P/M DUDLEY © 01384 455000



MAYFAIR CLOSE

£450 P/M DUDIFY © 01384 455000



HAVING CONSERVATION AND INCULTYMAN CHAIN. We are pleased to market this modern shyle semi detached property comprising to the groundfloor of an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. Externally there £550 P/M DUDLEY © 01384 455000

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Venture is capital idea to put a smile on your face

By David Banner



A high-end MX-5 special edition, the Sport Venture stands out with its light gunmetal 17in alloy wheels; black, heated leather seats and satnav, a model which keeps a tried-and-tested formula fresh. It is available with both 1.8 and 2.0-litre engines with the metal-folding-roof Roadster-Coupe body style.

Sales of this variant have dropped off in recent times as the market for small cabrios has swelled with new arrivals, but Mazda is fighting back with keen value for money, sticking to a design philosophy that's even more relevant now than when the MX-5 was first launched in the UK, 20 years ago. Indeed, the brand's use of lightweight construction and fuel-efficient engines has been copied by many rivals looking to share its success.

The Sport Venture special edition is offered with a choice

The Sport Venture special edition is offered with a choice of 126PS 1.8-litre power or a 160PS 2.0-litre unit in Roadster Coupe guise. Just the smaller engine is used in the soft top variant. Neither powerplant makes the car the last word in searing pace but you can get to 62mph in 9.9 seconds with the 1.8 and 7.9 seconds with the 2.0-litre. Straight line speed was never what the MX-5 was about, instead majoring on tactility, usability, comparatively modest grip levels and a chassis that's helped generations of drivers get to grips with rear-wheel drive dynamics.

Both engines are plenty fast enough to extract some enjoyment from the MX-5's sweet chassis. The metal folding roof retracts in three sections with no

The metal folding roof retracts in three sections with no impact on boot space. Although it's tempting to think of this car as 'just a roof', a lot of thought has clearly gone into it. The spring and damper settings are subtly revised to take account of the hard top car's marginally altered weight distribution. Thankfully, the roof retracts to a position within the wheelbase of the car so that it doesn't detract too much from handling agility.

Park the Roadster Coupe and the MX-5 soft top next to

Park the Roadster Coupe and the MX-5 soft top next to each other and it's possible to see the subtle way in which Mazda has teased out the shape to accommodate the folding roof. The rear deck of the car sits 40mm higher at the rear window line and 20mm higher at the trailing edge of the boot, giving it a slightly more hunched and powerful look than the soft top. It's really a very minor change and tough to discern in isolation.

Whereas the average duration for a roof operation of this kind tends to be around 22 seconds, Mazda has whittled that time back to a mere 12 seconds for the MX-5 Roadster Coupe. The driver must unlatch a centre lock and then press a button to operate the roof but it can easily be done while waiting at lights. Boot capacity is a surprisingly usable 150-litres whether the roof is up or down.

With the 1.8-litre Roadster Coupe version of this special edition offered at around £21,000, you're looking at a premium of around £18,00 over the standard range model. There's also a 160PS 2.0-litre petrol option. The soft-top MX-5 Sport Venture costs around £19,000, around £500 more than the standard SE model.

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The exterior features paint finishes that are unique to this model plus bright silver door trims and unique exterior badging to create a highly distinctive appearance.

The car's handling remains as much fun as ever, it offers decent value for money and will paint a huge smile on your face.



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Now, in a new development for the dealership, Halesowen Motor House has been awarded the Suzuki franchise, one of the fastest-growing in the UK with sales registering an astonishingly high 11,000 cars last March alone.

General sales manager, Helen Madani says: "We're all very excited at the arrival of Suzuki to our dealership.
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"With the recent arrival of the SX4 S-Cross the range is now even more ex-tensive and refined, and besides great affordability, the range now has real design

Consumption

The excellent Alto city car, which starts at only £5,995, offers exceptionally-low combined fuel consumption of 64.2mpg. Its low emissions ensure that it's exempt

Latest Suzuki models include the impressive SX4 S-Cross crossover and the mid range Suzuki Swift.

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Helen continues: "Throughout July anyone taking a test drive in a new Suzuki will receive a £10 M&S voucher.

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Rear-wheel drive thrills that won't break bank

By Iain Dooley

The performance-focused 2 Series injects some welcome sparkle into BMW's new compact coupe line-up.

What's new?: This M235i variant is the quick version of BMW's new 2 Series Coupe. Since a recent naming reshuffle, you're excused for thinking that you're looking at a 1 Series Coupe. Honestly, this is the 'new' 2 Series.

And for buyers seeking proper rear-wheel drive thrills without having to sell a kidney, the M235i is the closest most of us will get to a similar car sporting an 'M' badge. Yes, an M2 is on the way but, until then, you've got the M235i -likely a more rounded and sensible choice if you've only got

space for one performance BMW in your life.

Looks and image: It's not difficult to tell the difference between this M235i and a cooking diesel variant. The former has clearly been at the box marked Shredded Wheat, what with its beefy bodykit, low and purposeful stance plus those

equally businesslike chunky wheels and tyres.

It's a little less in-your-face in the car's cabin, but the sports seats, M car-like steering wheel and subtle graphics ensure you don't forget what this car is capable of. Crucially,

for all the talk about genuine M cars, this M-lite version offers a good balance of comfort and sportiness in the real world. Space and practicality: If there's one thing that the M235i does share with its slower siblings, it's the fac

t that it's a surprisingly practical car for a compact coupe. Granted, space for rear seat occupants is less than great, but it boasts a good size boot and there's ample storage space in the cabin for all the tat associated with leading an

Embraced

Behind the wheel: From being a maker of rev-happy cars BMW has fully embraced turbocharging with its latest range of performance motors.

The M235i is no different, and its 3.0-litre straight-six petrol engine benefits from turbocharging to the tune of 322bhp. That figure is plenty to get you to the horizon in a hurry, while the rasping from the exhaust ensures your journey is always entertaining.

Crucially the M235i is a doddle to drive at modest speeds. while pushing harder reveals a car eager to please. Only when you really lean on it, does it show its hand as a hoo-

That trick BMW approved tuning bits can be bought to further enhance the experience should please the hardcore fans, while you'll also want to pay a little extra for the slick eight-speed auto gearbox as the six-speed manual 'box lacks polish.

Value for money: It's all relative of course, but in the world of premium hot hatches - or coupes - the M235i should be at the top of your shopping list. It possesses great road manners, is fun and engaging and is docile enough to dou-ble as regular transport to the shops and the office.

Base trim is a little, well, basic, but you'd be wise to spend your cash on the extra tuning bits instead of fancy paint or gadgets.

Who would buy one?: Anyone who's been raised on a diet of hot hatches will like the M235i. It's a mature evolution of the breed yet retains that all-important 'edge' to keep you interested away from the city limits.

Thankfully its low-key looks don't scream performance so you'll rarely turn heads – good news if you want to have some fun but not telegraph it to every man and his dog. Plus it's rear-wheel rive, which is an important characteristic in a world full of million horsepower front-drive hot

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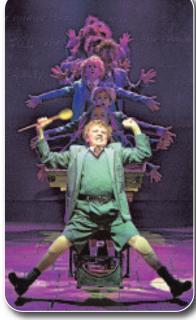
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A run of two halves for club

IT was a run of two halves for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club at the weekend with athletes' competing in the Birmingham Black Country Half Marathon and the Shifnal Half Marathon, two contrasting events.

The BBCHM is a point to point event from Wolverhampton to Birmingham along the canal towpaths starting by Wolverhampton station and finishing at Brindley Place.

Rebecca Warren made her half marathon debut finishing in 1.48.44 for 116th place, Dave Garbutt hit 1.53.36 in 170th and Helen Davies made up the trio coming home in 227th in a time of 1.57.41.

Twenty four hours later a group of hoops turned out for the Shifnal Half Marathon following a very rural route along country lanes . Matt Biggs was first back for the club in sixth place in 1.25.03.

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Dave Norman was eighth in 1.26.36 to claim the 1st MV40 prize, Simon Hughes came home in 1.37.56 for 29th, Sally McConville was 111th in 2.07.28, Preston Grundy bagged 1st MV65 in 2.14.14 and 126th overall and Narinda Hughes was 137th in 2.21.23.

Swimmers face tough opposition

Nuneaton Junior League

Nuneaton Junior League Round 3 JUNIOR swimmers from Halesowen made the trip to Leamington Spa for the final round of the first divi-

sion.

The draw meant the team faced strong opposition with all but one of the other teams placed higher in the League after the first two rounds.

All the swimmers put in battling performances but were unable to gain ground on the other teams and finished the gala in fifth spot.

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The result sees Halesowen junior swimmers secure their first division status into 2015. Star of the show was Kate Morrice with Ababble in high the show was the status into 2015. double individual wins.

Starke warning from Heathens' captain Top form

CRADLEY skipper Paul Starke insists the hard work is about to start for his side, writes Nigel Pearson.

Heathens currently top the National League table after a hard fought win at Buxton on Sunday – but Starke says they've had an easy run of fixtures to date.

Cradley go to Kent on Monday without three key riders due to fixtures clashes – and the next home meeting is against the in-form Coventry Storm on Tuesday, July 22 at Monmore.

They will also be without Steve Worrall, one of the top riders in British racing right

now, for the visit of arch rivals Mildenhall on August 12 as he is racing for Premier League Edinburgh.

Starke said: "With all due respect to the guys at Buxton and Scunthorpe, they are the weaker teams in the league and the hard work starts now for us."

Meanwhile the countdown is on to the showpiece FAST Golden Hammer at Monware on Tuesday. July 29

more on Tuesday, July 29.

The event, which promotes Dudley

Stroke Association and their Face, Arm, Speech, Time (FAST) message to recognise symptoms of stroke, is set to pull in a bumper crowd.

Reigning champion Lewis Blackbird, a hero of last season's Heathens title winning team, will return to defend his crown along with former champions Kyle Newman and Simon Lambert.

And Ashley Birks, who has hit out at British Speedway chiefs for not giving him a chance at Elite League level, has also been handed a place in the field.

Heathens stars Steve Worrall, Tom

Perry, Max Clegg, Matt Williamson, Nathan Greaves and Danny Phillips are also in the field with Worrall in particular one of the favourites.

The event features 16 riders over 20 heats with normal admission prices - £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children with a special souvenir programme for £3.

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Just 48-hours before that, Heathens legend Billy Hamill will appear at Brierley Hill's Copthorne Hotel for 'An evening with Billy Hamill and Friends' – tickets are £10 from the Cradley shop or online cradleyheathens.co and co to the website shop.

Loss pushes Stour down the division

Stourbridge 1st XI 198 Tamworth 1st XI 202-4 Tamworth win

STOURBRIDGE 1st XI suffered another blow to push them down two places to sixth position in Division Two of the Birmingham and District Premier league with 111 points.

Leamington Spa lead the Division at the half way stage of the season on 165 points.

The blow this time was not from the weather but a Cricket

to 119.

overs.

Bradley they took the score

It was Alexander who failed to capitalise on his start caught behind for 31 off Gray whose spell destroyed the top order.

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Stour's middle order and the tail fought on to pose a challenging but not a safe total. Matt Bradley, 36, fell LBW to Rob Neild and an enterprising knock from Jitesh Jivan – Patel, 40, used up the overs.

Patel's inviews eventually.

Patel's innings eventually came to an end with a run out during the end of innings but not before he have to a chroicht oir eff the posted a straight six off the spinner Mike Talbot.

Gray had bagged 4-46 off 13 overs and Nield ended with four wickets as well giving away just 39 off 11

An awful start by Tam-worth made the Stour total appear unreachable losing

appear unreachable losing the wickets of opener Mike Talbot, 4, off the third delivery from Ikram Mussadaq and Neil Orton, 1, went in the next over after a terrific diving eatch by Mikesh Jivan – Patel lurking at mid on off the same bowler. That was the end of the winning rounds for Stour

rounds for Stour

not from the weather but a strong Tamworth first team striking a convincing victory that left Stour in a dire need of points to keep them away from the drop zone.

In perfect conditions for cricket Tamworth skipper Mike Talbot won the toss and put Stour in on a dry track despite the overnight

Stour won the first round, opening pair Alex Bingham and Steve Game putting on 72 for the first wicket.

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Against the run of play
Bingham was the first to go
having reached 35 caught
controversially low down
given out by officials neither
the batsman nor the fielder
fully convinced either way.
The fuming Bingham was
the fourth scalp of James
Gray's four wicket haul of
the top order.
That incident was fol-

That incident was followed by two quick successes for the opposition. Game was out for 28 a soft dismissal. Then Stour's skipper Richard Bradley skipper Richard Bradley failed to score driving at a harmless ball off medium pacer Gray. From 70 for no wicket Stour had fallen to 77-3 off 22 overs Much needed recovery came from the partnership of Audy Alexander and Matt

Athletes cut a Dash at stadium meeting



The victorious 4 x 100 under 17 team. From left Ladi Abudu, Ben Tuka-Noka, Jamal Chambers and Ryan Lowe

AFTER all the delays with the Dell repair work, Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers AC, finally held a meeting at the stadium, with the Division 3 Heart of England League meeting at

Dash athlete Ben Tuka-Noka led the way taking the under-17 sprint double of 100 and 200m in fast times of 11.2 secs and 23 secs respectively.

Ladi Abudu took the B 100 in 11.7 and Jamal Chambers the B 200 in 23.4 secs. They later teamed up with Ryan Lowe, who won the 400 with 56.4 secs, to easily win the 4x100 under-17 relay in 46.2sec.

under-17 relay in 46.2sec.
Other sprint firsts where the girls
under-15 100 Kate Bishop and the
300m as Zara Millward ran 44.4 secs.
Elliott Jones led from start to finish to take the under-15 boys 1,500m
in 4m 34s. Under-17 James Kelly
won both the shot with 8.75m and
discus with 22.78m.

Emily Horne was first in the under-17 long jump with 5.15m with Rhianna Hinds taking the B event. Dash won three of the four relays. The following day the senior team travelled to Burton for a Midland Leggue meeting. League meeting.

League meeting.
This time Tuka-Noka won the 100 in 11.1. Emma Goulding finished first in the ladies long jump and triple jump at 5.23 and 10.55m. Lee Slatertook the 5,000m in 15m20s.

byTonks boosts Beacon

a top drawer performance as Beacon moved into

third place in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division. All-rounder Tonks shone with bat and ball to

shone with bat and ball to help fire his side to a tense xx-run success over basement boys Coseley.

Tonks top-scored with 63 out of Beacon's total of 245-8 from their 50 overs, gaining support from skipper Roger Fildes (58) and Michael Brooks (50).

Some stubborn resistance.

Some stubborn resistance from Coseley threatened to check Beacon's victory charge, but Tonks came to the rescue with a flurry of late wickets on his way to figure of 5.34 his way to figures of 5-34 to clinch the win as the visitors were dismissed for 157 with two overs re-maining.

The third XI suffered

The third XI suffered a seven-wicket reverse at Hawkins Cannock & Rugeley. Shaun Laban (23) and Craig Cartwright (21) were the only batsmen to reach double figures as Beacon were rolled over for 91. Hawkins then eased to victory inside 20 overs. Beacon's fourths powered to a resounding 158-run success against Rugeley.

Beacon's Seconds tasted defeat at home going down by four wick-ets l to Astwood Bank.

Battle starts to keep the Brummies

PASSIONATE Birmingham

PASSIONATE Birmingham speedway supporters have set up a fighting fund to try and keep the club going.

With the future of the Perry Barr Brummies looking bleak, supporters desperate to keep their club on track have already raised over £5,000.

Whilst progress so far has been superb, they are appealing for donations to keep coming as they look to enable speedway to continue in the city.

Contributions can be

Contributions can be made by PayPal, bank transfer or cheque, with all monies returned or passed on to the Speedway Riders' Benevolent Fund should the club fold. More details can be found on www.brummie speedway.net.

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Hadley signs for another season

BEN HADLEY has agreed to another season with Tipton Town under the new management team much to the delight of the club.

Head Coach Nathan Lamey said: "Ben has been spot on the last week.

"He obviously had options, but we were really keen to demonstrate our credentials and ability to Ben.

"We had a good chat with him after Thursday's ses-sion and Friday morning he sent us a message that he wanted to be on board.

"Only three weeks ago we had the task of a complete new team with no budget new team with no budget and competing against teams in our league and above with a budget. The personnel we have are noth-ing short of fantastic and their desire to succeed is so

refreshing to see".

Hadley added: "The team made me feel so welcome and the philosophy of the management team is something I want to be part of."

"As soon as I arrived I was made to feel an important part of the plans and squad.

"The lads are class, very supportive and the desire to be successful is something I have not witnessed before."

Conditioning coach Car-ey-Bertram has been hard at work over the past week to get the players ready.

Brummies forced to fold

BIRMINGHAM Brummies speedway team has folded.
The announcement comes

after the decision of promoter Alan Phillips to pull out of the club. It means the club will be removed from the Elite League and its records expunged for this

records expunged for this season.

The Brummies, who lost their last fixture 56-39 away to Belle Vue on Monday night, were formed in 2007

night, were formed in 2007 and are currently second from bottom of the table.
But it is hoped speedway can continue at Perry Barr in some format.
A statement from the British Speedway Promoters' Association read: "The Association can confirm the annulment of Birmingham Brummies Ltd, the Birmingham Speedway promotion. "This is a decision made in accordance with the

in accordance with speedway regulations with the

Glover is itching for Harris showdown

TIPTON'S Lee Glover 'can't wait' for Friday's showdown with Gloucester's Andy Harris for the British Masters Super Featherweight Title at Walsall Town Hall.

The "lipton Slasher' is ready to make up for lost time and avenge his Majority Decision loss to Jon Kays for the English Title when he appears he tops the bill of EJKO Promotions' 'The Heat Is On'.

using that as motivation to push on," Glover said. "I took the English Champion all the way and only lost a majority decision away from home against the Champion. I've proved I can mix it at that level."

"Andy Harris is a tough kid. He will be a test but I'm ready for it. I'm fully committed to boxing and ready to push on. I did slack off a bit when my daughter was born but now she's a little older; I can give this sport my all and really kick on. Friday can't come quick enough."

Tipton's fixtures for Cups

TIPTON Town FC now know their opponents in both the FA Cup and FA Vase preliminary rounds.
The FA Cup draw sees Town take on St Andrew's of the East Midland Counties leave, while in the FA

of the East Midland Counties league, while in the FA
Vase, the club faces a home
tie against the newly formed
Hinckley AFC.
The FA Cup tie takes
place on Saturday August
16, while the FA Vase will
be at the Tipton Sports
Academy on September 6.
Tipton manager Nick
Hawkins, who himself
played in the FA Cup third
round proper against Car-

played in the FA Cup third round proper against Cardiff City was part of the Chasetown squad that made the club so famous.

He said: "There is no better feeling than playing in the FA Cup. It is an experience I will never forget and something I really hope to emulate in the future, hopefully with Tipton Town."

"As a management team, we see no reason why we

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we see no reason why we can't go on a successful cup run this season.

"There is a great buzz around Tipton Town at the moment and I think it is rubbing off on all involved. Hopefully we can get more people through the gates."

Woff will lead the GB riders

TAI WOFFINDEN heads the 10-man Great Britain squad for speed-way's World Cup announced by new team boss Alun Rossiter.

'Rosco' must select four

for the big night at King's Lynn on Saturday, July 26. But Wolves' world cham-pion Woffinden, already cap-

tain, is odds on

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with Croydon's Joe Walsh. Stafford's Grant Cunningham makes a welcome return to ring action. The undefeated super middleweight prospect will be looking to make it 9-0 when he takes on the dangerous Welsh scrapper, Jamie Ambler. Birmingham super featherweight prospect, Sean 'Show Time' Davis, takes on Bristol's Harvey Hemsley. The show will be aired live on BBC WM's DAB Digital Service and online at www.bbc.co.uk/wm. come quick enough.' A limited number of tickets, priced at £30 and £60 Ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900. The aftershow party and weigh-in both take place at the Pitch Sports Bar and Grill on Bridge Street, Walsall. proved I can mix it at that level. "I only had a four-rounder before that fight so that gives me confidence too. "Having a ten round fight on home soil is just what I've been waiting for. It's been a long time since I fought in front of my home fans, so I want to put on a bit of a show. It's a big deal for me. Glover has revealed that he is using that paper thin English Title defeat as inspira-tion as he looks to push on and fulfil his "It still plays on my mind a bit but I'm Glover versus Harris is supported by four

WILSON NOT WORT **THE WOLV**

KENNY JACKETT has hinted Wolves withdrew from the race to sign Callum Wilson because they didn't think he was worth £3m.

The 22-year-old striker was understood to be their No.1 target before he opted to join Bournemouth from Coventry for £3m at the weekend.

"If a player is there right now, or at any time, and we can get them at the right price, we'll do it," said Jack-

ett.
Asked specifically about
Wilson, the head coach said:
"I'm not going to talk about
other teams' players, and
it's best to talk about our

"But do we look to strengthen and have a scouting department that works all of the time? Yes

"They have to know the market and have to make sure there's value for money on every single player.

Aware

"We don't want to miss anyone but we're not going to sign every player.
"We're very aware of the players being talked about; we were in League One last season and we got to know that league very well.
"If there are any players from there that can take us

from there that can take us forward then fine."

forward then fine."
Wolves have so far added
two summer signings, outof-contract pair Tommy
Rowe and Rajiv Van La
Parra. But Jackett maintains fans shouldn't worry
about a lack of fresh faces
as it's early in the transfer
window and as he rates the

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current squad so highly.

"I don't think people should be concerned," said the boss.

"The group is very good and has started pre-season well and given myself a lot of optimism for the season.

"I don't want to be making any predictions or singing from the rooftops, but based on the last two weeks,

based on the last two weeks, I see a fit and hungry group looking forward to the challenge. It's an exciting time. "If you're looking at a squad of 22 doing 11-a-side, it's a settled group where they know their jobs and are looking forward to what lies ahead."

Jackett added: "It's not a situation where there's a time when we have to sign a player.

"That's not to say the group is struggling or we have a lack of quality or attitude."

Jackett maintains the transfer market hasn't re-ally got going yet.

"It's been very quiet so r," he added.

"It's been very quiet so far," he added.
"Apart from isolated clubs
- Rotherham have signed eight I think - it's been quiet."

Jordanne is new Wimbledon champion



Jordanne Whiley, left, and Yui Kamiji celebrate winning the ladies' wheelchair doubles title at Wimbledon

THE Black Country can boast it's very own Wimbledon champion thanks to Jordanne Whiley. The talented 22-year-old from Halesowen took the ladies' wheelchair doubles title with partner Yui Kamiji et Ingan

Kamiji of Japan.
The pair beat Dutch duo Jiske Grifficen and Aniek van Koot - the two-time defending champions - to scoop the title and shared the prize of £12,000.

Wimbledon
Whiley and Kamiji, the number one seeds, avenged their loss in the 2013 final with a 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory.
Jordanne was cheered on by her parents Keith and Julie and boyfriend Marc. "I was really nervous and disappointed the first set didn't go our way," said Miss Whiley, now

and disappointed the first set dual t go our way," said Miss Whiley, now of Uxbridge.
"I put a towel over my head, thought that I will only get one shot at a Wimbledon final and that was

the turning point." When Kamiji and Whiley made it 6-5 in the third set, Whiley thought she might be sick on the court. She said: "I said to Yui I thought I was going to vomit because I felt excited, nervous and was so scared."

Cause 1 left excited, hervous and was so scared."

Whiley was born with brittle bone disease, the same condition as her father Keith who was a bronze medallist at the 1984 Paralympics. She has broken her legs 26 time

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